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Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Mexico, Netherlands,
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Study of the institutional arrangements relating to
the process of disarmament

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that the United Nations has a central role and primary responsibility in the field of disarmament,

Recalling with satisfaction the measures undertaken as a result of its tenth special session in order to revitalize existing disarmament machinery and appropriately constitute forums for disarmament deliberations and negotiations with a better representative character,

Noting that the growing disarmament agenda and the complexity of the issues involved as well as the more active participation by a large number of Member States creates increasing demands on United Nations management of disarmament affairs for purposes such as the promotion, substantive preparation, implementation and control of the process of disarmament,

Recalling the recommendation of the Disarmament Commission, adopted on 8 June 1979, to examine the requirements of an institutional and procedural nature in order to facilitate the disarmament process and to ensure implementation of disarmament agreements, including the relevant proposals referred to in paragraph 125 of the Final Document of its tenth special session or made elsewhere,

Convinced that a comprehensive study of the institutional arrangements relating to the process of disarmament would be desirable in providing for carefully considered decisions regarding the organization, functions and structure, required to meet present and future needs in the disarmament process,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, to carry out a comprehensive study assessing present institutional requirements and future estimated needs in the United Nations management of disarmament affairs and outlining possible functions, structure and institutional framework that could meet those requirements and needs, including legal and financial implications, and formulating recommendations for possible later decisions on the matter;

2. Recommends the Secretary-General, in carrying out this study, to seek the views of Member Governments, for the benefit of the experts, on some key issues, such as desirable functions and structure as well as institutional framework of United Nations management of disarmament affairs;

3. Invites all Governments to co-operate with the Secretary-General so that the objectives of the study may be achieved;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a final report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.
