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PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS:
REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia,
Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Ukrainian Soviet
Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and
Viet Nam: draft resolution

Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of
weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the prohibition of the development and
manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such
weapons,

Bearing in mind paragraph 77 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special
Session of the General Assembly, 1/

Determined to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons of mass
destruction that have characteristics comparable in destructive effect to those of
weapons of mass destruction identified in the definition of weapons of mass
destruction adopted by the United Nations in 1948, 2/

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

2/ The definition was adopted by the Commission for Conventional Armaments
(see S/C.3/32/Rev.1).

Noting that in the course of its 1989 and 1990 sessions the Conference on Disarmament considered the item entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: radiological weapons",

Taking into account the sections of the reports of the Conference on Disarmament relating to this question, 3/

1. Reaffirms that effective measures should be undertaken to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons of mass destruction;
2. Requests the Conference on Disarmament, in the light of its existing priorities, to keep under review, with expert assistance, as appropriate, the questions of the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons with a view to making, when necessary, recommendations on undertaking specific negotiations on the identified types of such weapons;
3. Calls upon all States, immediately following the recommendation of the Conference on Disarmament, to give favourable consideration to these recommendations;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference on Disarmament all documents relating to the consideration of this item by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;
5. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to report annually on the results of its consideration of these questions to the General Assembly;
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament".

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/44/27), sect. III.G and *ibid.*, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/45/27), sect. III.G.