

LETTER DATED 25 JANUARY 1980 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT
TRANSMITTING THE RESOLUTIONS ON DISARMAMENT ADOPTED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the following resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, which entrust specific responsibilities to the Committee on Disarmament:

- 34/72 "Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons"
- 34/73 "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/60"
- 34/79 "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons"
- 34/83 B "Report of the Committee on Disarmament"
- 34/83 G "Non-use of nuclear weapons and prevention of nuclear war"
- 34/83 J "Nuclear weapons in all aspects"
- 34/84 "Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of guarantees of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States"
- 34/85 "Conclusion of an international convention to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons"
- 34/86 "Strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons"
- 34/87 A "Conclusion of an international convention prohibiting the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons"
- 34/87 D "Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapon purposes"

I would like to draw your attention, in particular, to the following specific provisions contained in those resolutions:

(a) In resolution 34/72, operative paragraph 2 urges the Committee on Disarmament to undertake, at the beginning of its 1980 session negotiations on an agreement on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and on their destruction, as a matter of high priority, taking into account all existing proposals and future initiatives; and operative paragraph 3 requests the Committee on Disarmament to report on the results of its negotiations to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(b) In resolution 34/73, operative paragraph 4 requests the Committee on Disarmament to initiate negotiations on a treaty to achieve the prohibition of all nuclear test explosions by all States for all time, as a matter of the highest priority.

(c) In resolution 34/79, operative paragraph 1 requests the Committee on Disarmament, in the light of its existing priorities, actively to continue negotiations, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, with a view to preparing a draft comprehensive agreement on the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons and, where necessary, specific agreements on particular types of such weapons; and operative paragraph 2 requests the Committee on Disarmament to submit a report on the results achieved to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session.

(d) In resolution 34/83 B, operative paragraph 1 urges the Committee on Disarmament to proceed, without any further delay, to substantive negotiations on the priority questions of disarmament on its agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly and the other relevant resolutions of the Assembly on these subjects; operative paragraph 3 requests the Committee on Disarmament to initiate negotiations at its next session on the comprehensive programme of disarmament, with a view to completing its elaboration before the second special session of the General Assembly on disarmament and, in doing so, to take as a basis the recommendations adopted by the Disarmament Commission; and operative paragraph 4 requests the Committee on Disarmament to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(e) In resolution 34/83 G, operative paragraph 1 decides to transmit to the Committee on Disarmament the views of States concerning the non-use of nuclear weapons, avoidance of nuclear war and related matters; and operative paragraph 2 requests the Committee on Disarmament to take those views into appropriate consideration and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(f) In resolution 34/83 J, operative paragraph 1 requests the Committee on Disarmament to continue at the beginning of its 1980 session consideration of the item "Nuclear weapons in all aspects" and to undertake preparatory consultations on the negotiations referred to in paragraph 2 of the same resolution; operative paragraph 2 requests the Committee on Disarmament to initiate, as a matter of high priority, negotiations, with the participation of all nuclear-weapon States, on the question of the cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 50 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly; and operative paragraph 3 further requests the Committee on Disarmament to report on the results of those negotiations to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(g) In resolution 34/84, operative paragraph 4 requests the Committee on Disarmament to continue negotiations on a priority basis during its 1980 session with a view to their early conclusion with the elaboration of a convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

(h) In resolution 34/85, operative paragraph 4 recommends that the Committee on Disarmament should conclude effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons during its 1980 session, taking into account the widespread support for the conclusion of an international convention and giving consideration to any other proposals designed to secure the same objective.

(i) In resolution 34/86, operative paragraph 3 requests the Committee on Disarmament to continue its efforts at its next session with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements further to strengthen the security of the non-nuclear-weapon States and report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(j) In resolution 34/87 A, operative paragraph 2 requests the Committee on Disarmament to proceed as soon as possible to achieve agreement, through negotiation, on the text of an international convention prohibiting the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons and to report to the General Assembly on the results achieved for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(k) In resolution 34/87 D, its operative paragraph requests the Committee on Disarmament, at an appropriate stage of its work on the item entitled "Nuclear weapons in all aspects", to pursue its consideration of the question of adequately verified cessation and prohibition of the production of fissionable material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and to keep the General Assembly informed of the progress of that consideration.

In addition, in operative paragraph 6 of resolution 34/83 H, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on Disarmament the report and the recommendations of the Disarmament Commission on the elements of a comprehensive programme of disarmament, which are contained in document A/34/42.

In the abovementioned resolutions 34/79, 34/86 and 34/87 A, the General Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on Disarmament all relevant documents.

34/79 - A/34/27, A/34/542, A/34/735, A/C.1/34/L.6, A/34/748

34/86 - A/34/27, A/34/599, A/C.1/34/L.3 and Rev.1 and 2, A/C.1/34/L.9, A/C.1/34/L.35, A/34/753, A/34/754, A/RES/34/84, A/RES/34/85

34/87 A - A/34/27, A/34/414, A/C.1/34/L.7 and Rev.1, A/34/755

The views of States concerning the non-use of nuclear weapons, avoidance of nuclear war and related matters, to which resolution 34/83 G refers, are contained in documents A/34/456 and Add.1.

The relevant records of the consideration of those resolutions transmitting documentation are included in documents A/34/PV.5 to 32, A/34/PV.97, A/C.1/34/PV.4, A/C.1/34/PV.6 and A/C.1/34/PV.8 to PV.44.

All these documents and records were distributed during the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly to all Members of the United Nations, including all Members of the Committee on Disarmament.

I also have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Committee on Disarmament, the following resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session which deal with disarmament matters:

- 34/71 "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/58 concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)"
- 34/74 "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/61 concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)"
- 34/75 "Consideration of the declaration of the 1980s as a disarmament decade"
- 34/76 A "Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa"
- 34/76 B "Nuclear capability of South Africa"
- 34/77 "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East"
- 34/78 "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia"
- 34/80 A and B "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace"
- 34/81 "World Disarmament Conference"
- 34/82 "United Nations Conference on Prohibitions or Restrictions of Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects"
- 34/83 A "Disarmament and international security"
- 34/83 C "Implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the tenth special session"
- 34/83 D "United Nations programme of fellowships on disarmament"
- 34/83 E "Monitoring of disarmament agreements and strengthening of international security"
- 34/83 F "Freezing and reduction of military budgets"

- 34/83 H "Report of the Disarmament Commission"
- 34/83 I "Disarmament Week"
- 34/83 K "Study on the relationship between disarmament and development"
- 34/83 L "Committee on Disarmament"
- 34/83 M "Programme of research and studies on disarmament"
- 34/87 B "Confidence-building measures"
- 34/87 C "Non-stationing of nuclear weapons on the territories of States where there are no such weapons at present"
- 34/87 E "Study of the institutional arrangements relating to the process of disarmament"
- 34/87 F "Strategic arms limitation talks"
- 34/88 "Declaration on international co-operation for disarmament"
- 34/89 "Israeli nuclear armament"

The General Assembly also took a decision (34/422) to request the Secretary-General to prepare the study on the question of a comprehensive nuclear-test ban recommended by the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies and by the Secretary-General himself and that the study should include the chapters or sections described in paragraph 14 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/34/588), should be completed in time to be transmitted to the Committee on Disarmament in the spring of 1980, as indicated in the same paragraph and should be carried out in accordance with the procedure described in paragraph 16 of the Secretary-General's report.

I also wish to call attention to the following resolutions which are related to disarmament matters:

- 34/11 "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency"
- 34/13 "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations"
- 34/51 "State of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts"
- 34/63 "Peaceful use of nuclear energy for economic and social development"
- 34/66 "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space"
- 34/99 "Development and strengthening of good neighbourliness between States"
- 34/100 "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security"

- 34/101 "Non-interference in the internal affairs of States"
- 34/102 "Settlement by peaceful means of disputes between States"
- 34/103 "Inadmissibility of the policy of hegemonism in international relations"

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General