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DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH
SPECIAL SESSION: CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR-ARMS RACE AND
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of,
Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Rwanda,
Spain, Swaziland, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Bilateral nuclear arms negotiations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 38/183 P of 20 December 1983, 39/148 B of
17 December 1984 and 40/152 B of 16 December 1985,

Noting with satisfaction that at their meeting in Geneva in November 1985 the
leaders of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America
committed themselves to the objective of working out effective agreements aimed at
preventing an arms race in space and terminating it on earth,

Noting that at their further meeting in Reykjavik in October 1986, although no
comprehensive agreement was reached, intensive discussion of far-reaching arms
control understandings took place,

Noting also that a large measure of agreement was reached on a number of
issues, including deep reductions in the strategic nuclear arms of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America as well as in their
intermediate nuclear forces;

Noting further with satisfaction that the two sides remain committed to
further progress in their bilateral negotiations, building on what has been
achieved so far,

Expressing its appreciation to the two Governments concerned for their readiness to keep other States Members of the United Nations duly informed of progress in those negotiations, in accordance with paragraph 114 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ the first special session devoted to disarmament,

Believing that, through negotiations pursued in a spirit of flexibility, and with full account taken of the security interests of all States, it is possible to achieve far-reaching and effectively verifiable agreements,

Firmly convinced that an early agreement in these negotiations, in accordance with the principle of undiminished security at the lowest possible level of armaments, would be of crucial importance for the strengthening of international peace and security,

Further convinced that the international community should encourage the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America in their endeavours, taking into account both the importance and complexity of their negotiations,

1. Calls upon the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the United States of America to spare no effort in seeking the attainment of their agreed objectives in the negotiations, in accordance with the security interests of all States and the universal desire for progress towards disarmament;

2. Urges the two Governments to reach early agreements in those areas where common ground already exists;

3. Expresses its firmest possible encouragement and support for the bilateral negotiations and their successful conclusion.

1/ Resolution S-10/2.