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

German Democratic Republic: draft resolution

Nuclear weapons in all aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling that at its tenth special session, the first special session devoted to disarmament, the Assembly decided that effective measures of nuclear disarmament and the prevention of nuclear war had highest priority and that it was essential to halt and reverse the nuclear arms race in all its aspects, including its quantitative and qualitative dimensions, 1/

Recalling further that, at its twelfth special session, the second special session devoted to disarmament, the Assembly expressed its profound preoccupation over the danger of war, in particular nuclear war, the prevention of which remains the most acute and urgent task of the present day, 2/

Reaffirming that nuclear weapons of all types and versions pose the most serious threat to mankind and its survival and that it is therefore essential to proceed with nuclear disarmament aimed at completely eliminating nuclear weapons and to conduct negotiations on this subject with priority,

Taking into account that all nuclear-weapon States, in particular those which possess the most important nuclear arsenals, bear a special responsibility for the fulfilment of the task of achieving the goals of nuclear disarmament,

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/S-12/3), para. 22.

Convinced of the necessity of rejecting any military doctrine and concept that might lead to unleashing nuclear war and might impede measures to halt the nuclear arms race,

Welcoming the Joint Statement issued by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on 21 November 1985 and, in particular, the conviction expressed therein that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, and the agreement of both sides to accelerate negotiations in accordance with the Joint United States-Soviet agreement of 8 January 1985 3/ aimed at averting an arms race in outer space and terminating it on Earth, limiting and reducing nuclear weapons and enhancing strategic stability,

Sharing the belief expressed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America that ultimately their negotiations, just as efforts in general to limit and reduce arms, should lead to the complete elimination of nuclear arms everywhere,

Welcoming proposals on the complete elimination of nuclear weapons throughout the world by the end of the twentieth century,

Considering the deliberations of the Disarmament Commission in 1986 with regard to item 4 of its agenda, as contained in its report,

Noting with satisfaction the growing interest in issues related to the cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament at the 1986 session of the Conference on Disarmament demonstrated by its Member States and by several proposals submitted,

Regretting, however, that the Conference on Disarmament was unable to reach agreement on the establishment of an ad hoc committee for the purpose of elaborating measures to halt the nuclear arms race and to proceed with nuclear disarmament,

Expressing the expectation that efforts will continue to be made in order to enable the Conference on Disarmament to fulfil its negotiating role with regard to the cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament,

1. Calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to proceed without delay to negotiations on the cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and especially to begin the elaboration of practical measures to this end in accordance with paragraph 50 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ including a nuclear disarmament programme, taking also into account proposals submitted at the Conference, and to establish for this purpose an ad hoc committee;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament: report of the Conference on Disarmament".

2/ Ibid., Fortieth session, Supplement No. 27 (A/40/27 and Corr.1), appendix II (CD/642/appendix II/vol. II), documents CD/570 and CD/571).