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Nuclear disarmament

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, as expressed in the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced that the most acute and urgent task of the present day is to remove the threat of a world war - a nuclear war,

Recalling and reaffirming the statements and provisions on nuclear disarmament set forth in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ the first special session devoted to disarmament, and in particular, the provisions that "effective measures of nuclear disarmament and the prevention of nuclear war have the highest priority", as contained in paragraph 20, and that "in the task of achieving the goals of nuclear disarmament, all the nuclear-weapon States, in particular those among them which possess the most important nuclear arsenals, bear a special responsibility", as contained in paragraph 48,

Bearing in mind that the ultimate goal of nuclear disarmament is the complete elimination of nuclear weapons,

Noting that the leaders of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America agreed in their joint statement issued at Geneva on 21 November 1985 2/ that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought"

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

2/ A/40/1070, annex.

and the common desire they expressed in the same statement calling for early progress in areas where there is common ground, including the principle of 50 per cent reductions in the nuclear arms of the Soviet Union and the United States appropriately applied,

Also noting that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America have held further bilateral negotiations on various issues of disarmament,

Further noting that the Conference on Disarmament has not played its due role in the field of nuclear disarmament,

Bearing in mind that the Governments and people of various countries expect that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America will reach agreement on halting the nuclear-arms race and reducing nuclear weapons, so as to start the process of nuclear disarmament,

1. Expresses its deep concern that negotiations on nuclear disarmament should yield concrete results at the earliest possible time;
2. Urges the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, which possess the most important nuclear arsenals, to discharge their special responsibility for nuclear disarmament, to take the lead in halting the nuclear-arms race and to negotiate in earnest with a view to reaching early agreement on the drastic reduction of their nuclear weapons;
3. Appeals to other nuclear-weapon States to participate in the process of nuclear disarmament when the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America have drastically reduced their nuclear weapons;
4. Reiterates its belief that bilateral and multilateral efforts for nuclear disarmament should complement and facilitate each other;
5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled "Nuclear disarmament".
