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PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS

Afghanistan, Angola, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist
Republic, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Ghana,
German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Lao People's Democratic
Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Poland, Romania,
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics and Viet Nam: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3479 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/74 of
10 December 1976, 32/84 A of 12 December 1977, 33/66 B of 14 December 1978, 34/79
of 11 December 1979, 35/149 of 12 December 1980, 36/89 of 9 December 1981, 37/77 A
of 9 December 1982, 38/182 of 20 December 1983, 39/62 of 12 December 1984 and 40/90
of 12 December 1985 concerning the prohibition of new types of weapons of mass
destruction,

Bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 39 of the Final Document of the
Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, according to which qualitative and
quantitative disarmament measures are both important for halting the arms race and
efforts to that end must include negotiations on the limitation and cessation of
the qualitative improvement of armaments, especially weapons of mass destruction
and the development of new means of warfare,

Recalling the decision contained in paragraph 77 of the Final Document to the
effect that, in order to help prevent a qualitative arms race and so that
scientific and technological achievements might ultimately be used solely for
peaceful purposes, effective measures should be taken to prevent the emergence of
new types of weapons of mass destruction based on new scientific principles and
achievements and that efforts aiming at the prohibition of such new types and new
systems of weapons of mass destruction should be appropriately pursued,

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Expressing once again its firm belief, in the light of the decisions adopted at the tenth special session, in the importance of concluding an agreement or agreements to prevent the use of scientific and technological progress for the development of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons,

Noting that in the course of its session in 1986 the Conference on Disarmament considered the item entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: radiological weapons",

Convinced that all ways and means should be utilized to prevent the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons,

Determined to prevent the creation, as a result of developments of modern science and technology, of weapons based on new physical principles and having a destructive capacity close to that of nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction,

Taking into consideration the section of the report of the Conference on Disarmament relating to this question, 1/

1. Reaffirms the necessity to prohibit the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons;

2. Requests the Conference on Disarmament, in the light of its existing priorities, to keep constantly under review with the assistance of periodically convened group of experts, 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 identification of any new type of weapon of mass destruction, to commence negotiations on its prohibition with the simultaneous introduction of a moratorium on its practical development;

4. Once again urges all States to refrain from any action which could adversely affect the efforts aimed at preventing the emergence of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons;

5. Calls again upon all States to undertake efforts to ensure that ultimately scientific and technological achievements may be used solely for peaceful purposes;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/41/27), sect. III, paras. 100 and 103-105.

6. 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-first session;
7. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to submit a report on results achieved to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-second session;
8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second 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".
