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Article VI: Elements for a Report of Committee I

The Report would be built around the constituent elements of the Article itself. Firstly, developments related to the cessation of the nuclear arms race, secondly, progress on effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament, and, lastly, progress towards General and Complete Disarmament. The Report would contain an evaluation of the achievements and lack of achievements in respect of each aspect of the Article, and in particular with regard to the goals set out in preambular paragraph X, which reaffirmed the commitment already contained in the Partial Test Ban to continue negotiations with a view to achieving a Comprehensive Test Ban.

The Report would conclude with a number of recommendations relevant to the implementation of this Article of the Treaty.

I

In examining the developments relating to the cessation of the nuclear arms race, the Report would record the unremitting development of the nuclear potentials of the nuclear weapon States parties, and question the compatibility of such developments with the commitments contained in the Article. It would identify the principal characteristics of the nuclear arms race at present, including certain disquieting aspects of current approaches; it would note the regional intensification of the nuclear arms race.

II

A second part of the Report would deal with the progress in arms control and disarmament negotiations. It would examine the bilateral negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States, and in particular it would:

Narrate the sequence of events following the discontinuance of the SALT negotiations, including the declared intention of the parties that they would continue to uphold the restraints foreseen in the SALT II Treaty.

Narrate the facts relating to the pursuit and subsequent suspension of the START and INF negotiations.

Note the resumption of bilateral talks between the Soviet Union and the United States in 1985.

In its second part the Report would also evaluate the progress made in multilateral disarmament negotiations.

It would narrate the facts relating to the suspension of the Trilateral Negotiations on a CTBT, and of the subsequent failure to establish an Ad hoc Committee at the Conference on Disarmament for the pursuit of multilateral negotiations.

It would record the views of delegations regarding the relative importance of a CTBT in any programme designed to achieve the goal of nuclear disarmament and to prevent nuclear war.

It would record the views of delegations as to the purposes of such a Treaty in respect of scope and verification and duration.

It would record the calls by a number of parties for the introduction by the nuclear weapon States parties of a moratorium on nuclear testing in the context of negotiations for a CTBT.

It would note the lack of progress on other relevant items of the agenda of the Conference on Disarmament, in particular those relating to the cessation of the nuclear arms race, the prevention of nuclear war and effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

III

It would record the failure of the Second Special Session of the United Nations devoted to Disarmament to build upon the Programme of Action of the First Special Session.

In addition, the Report would recall the more prominent of the proposals made in the multilateral field during the period of review, including:

Calls to halt the further vertical proliferation of nuclear weapons, in particular by freezing the constituent elements of the nuclear arms race.

Calls for the cut-off in the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes.

A third section of the Report considering progress towards General and Complete Disarmament would recall paragraph 50 of the Final Document of the First Special Session, which was re-affirmed at the Second Special Session. It would note the lack of progress in realizing the objectives of the Final Document, in particular the failure to agree upon a comprehensive programme of action for disarmament designed to facilitate the halting and reversing of the arms race.

In a final section the Report would aim to agree upon a number of recommendations, including:

Reaffirmation that the implementation of Article VI is central to the upholding of the Treaty.

A renewed commitment by the parties to the goals set out in Article VI.

A call upon the nuclear weapon States parties to demonstrate this commitment by the sincere and ongoing pursuit of the nuclear arms control negotiations which are their particular responsibility, as well as a similarly positive approach to multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations.

A reaffirmation of the importance attached by the NPT to the conclusion of a CTBT in the process of nuclear disarmament.

A call for the commencement of negotiations leading to the conclusion of a CTBT at the Conference on Disarmament, or alternatively as a first step, through the resumption of the Trilateral Negotiations.

Concern that the nuclear arms race has continued unabated, that there are now more types of newer weapons with greater destructive potential than before, and that the regional aspects of the nuclear arms race have taken on new dimensions.

A renewal of calls upon the Soviet Union and the United States to continue to uphold the provisions of the SALT II Agreement as they have undertaken to do.

Concern that the INF negotiations were suspended in 1983 and that deployment of medium range nuclear forces has continued in consequence.

A welcome for the resumption of bilateral talks between the Soviet Union and the United States in 1985 combined with a message of the urgency for the two governments to pursue the achievement of substantive measures of arms control, and to prevent the emergence of destabilizing developments.

Concern lest any new development with respect to the existing disposition of nuclear weapons be undertaken that would undermine the maintenance of international peace and security.

Concern at the prospect of the extension of the arms race to outer space and a call that no measure be undertaken that would undermine the existing instruments relating to the disposition of nuclear weapons, with particular regard to the ABM Treat.

Urge the Conference on Disarmament to proceed with multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations in implementation of Article 50 of the Final Document of the First Special Session.