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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN
THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Algeria, Cyprus, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Morocco, Romania,
Tunisia and Yugoslavia: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/102 of 9 December 1981, 37/118 of
16 December 1982, 38/189 of 20 December 1983, 39/153 of 17 December 1984 and 40/157
of 16 December 1985,

Recognizing the importance of promoting peace, security and co-operation in
the Mediterranean region and of strengthening further the economic, commercial and
cultural links in the region,

Expressing concern over persistent and increasing tension in parts of the
Mediterranean region and the consequent threat to peace,

Deeply concerned at the continuing military operations in the Mediterranean
and the grave dangers which these create for peace, security and general
equilibrium in the region,

Considering, in this regard, the urgency for all States to conform in their
actions to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as
well as to the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law
concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the
Charter of the United Nations 1/

1/ Resolution 34/88.

Considering also the necessity to intensify efforts towards the promotion of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region,

Reaffirming the need to promote security and to strengthen co-operation in the region, as provided for in the Mediterranean chapter of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975,

Recalling the declarations of successive meetings of non-aligned countries concerning the Mediterranean, as well as official declarations on, and contributions to, peace and security in the Mediterranean region made by individual countries,

Reaffirming the primary role of Mediterranean countries in the promotion of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region,

Recalling, in this connection, the Final Declaration adopted at Valletta on 11 September 1984 by the Mediterranean members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, 2/ and the commitments assumed by the participants with the objective of contributing to peace and security in the region,

Welcoming the efforts realized by the Mediterranean members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to strengthen regional co-operation in various fields among themselves and between them and the European countries,

Taking note of the adoption by the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe of the document of the Stockholm Conference on concrete, militarily significant, politically binding and verifiable confidence- and security-building measures,

Taking note of the desire of the Non-Aligned Mediterranean countries to launch a process of consultations, with the European-Mediterranean and other European countries on peace, security and co-operation in the region,

Taking note also of the debate on this item during the various sessions of the General Assembly, and, in particular, of the report of the Secretary-General on this item,

1. Reaffirms:

(a) That the security of the Mediterranean is closely linked with European security and with international peace and security;

(b) That further efforts are necessary for the reduction of tension and of armaments and for the creation of conditions of security and fruitful co-operation in all fields for all countries and peoples of the Mediterranean, on the basis of the principles of sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, security,

2/ A/39/526-S/16758 and Corr.1, annex.

non-intervention and non-interference, non-violation of international borders, non-use of force or threat of use of force, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, peaceful settlement of disputes and respect for permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

(c) The need for just and viable solutions of existing problems and crises in the area on the basis of the provisions of the Charter and of relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and the right of peoples under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination and independence;

2. Takes note of paragraph 24 of the document of the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe which, inter alia, confirms the intention of the participants in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe to develop good-neighbourly relations with all States of the region, with due regard to reciprocity, and in the spirit of the principles contained in the Declaration on Principles, guiding relations between participating States, so as to promote confidence and security and make peace prevail in the region in accordance with the provisions contained in the Mediterranean chapter of the Final Act;

3. Welcomes any further communication to the Secretary-General, from all States, of proposals, declarations and recommendations on strengthening peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

4. Urges all States to co-operate with the Mediterranean States in the further efforts required to reduce tension and promote peace, security and co-operation in the region in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with the provisions of the Declaration on Principles;

5. Encourages once again efforts to intensify existing forms and to promote new forms of co-operation in various fields, particularly those aimed at reducing tension and strengthening confidence and security in the region;

6. Renews its invitation to the Secretary-General to give due attention to the question of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region, and, if requested to do so, to render advice and assistance to concerted efforts by Mediterranean countries in promoting peace, security and co-operation in the region;

7. Invites the member States of the relevant regional organizations to lend support and to submit to the Secretary-General concrete ideas and suggestions on their potential contribution to the strengthening of peace and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, on the basis of all replies received and notifications submitted in the implementation of the present resolution and, taking into account the debate on this question during its forty-first session, an updated report on the strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

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9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region".
