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DECLARATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE
ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 9 December 1974, the General Assembly adopted resolution 3265 B (XXIX), the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Takes note of the affirmation by the States of the region not to acquire or manufacture nuclear weapons and to devote their nuclear programmes exclusively to the economic and social advancement of their peoples;

"2. Endorses, in principle, the concept of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

"3. Invites the States of the South Asian region and such other neighbouring non-nuclear-weapon States as may be interested to initiate, without delay, necessary consultations with a view to establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone and urges them, in the interim, to refrain from any action contrary to the achievement of these objectives;

"4. Expresses the hope that all States, in particular the nuclear-weapon States, will lend their full co-operation for the effective realization of the aims of the present resolution;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to convene a meeting for the purpose of the consultations envisaged in paragraph 3 above, to render such assistance as may be required for the purpose and to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session;

"6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled 'Declaration and establishment of a nuclear-free zone in South Asia'."

2. With regard to paragraph 5, the Secretary-General has been in contact with the States of the South Asian region. He is informed that, although some discussions have taken place, differences exist in the approach to the question of the declaration and establishment of a nuclear-free zone in South Asia. The Secretary-General has, therefore, not convened the meeting envisaged in paragraph 5 of resolution 3265 B (XXIX).
