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WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 2022nd plenary meeting on 16 December 1971, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2833 (XXVI) concerning the convening of a world disarmament conference, the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"....

"1. Expresses the conviction that it is most desirable to take immediate steps in order that careful consideration be given to the convening, following adequate preparation, of a world disarmament conference open to all States;

"2. Invites all States to communicate to the Secretary-General, before 31 August 1972, their views and suggestions on any relevant questions relating to a world disarmament conference, in particular the following:

- (a) Main objectives;
- (b) Provisional agenda;
- (c) Site favoured;
- (d) Date and contemplated duration;
- (e) Procedures to be adopted for carrying out the preparatory work;
- (f) Relationship to the United Nations;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report containing the views and suggestions communicated to him;

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"4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled 'World Disarmament Conference'."

2. The Secretary-General expresses the hope that communications giving views and suggestions on any relevant questions relating to a world disarmament conference in response to the invitation of the General Assembly contained in operative paragraph 2 of the resolution would be submitted to him as early as possible, and in any case before 31 August 1972, so as to enable him to prepare and submit to the Assembly at its twenty-seventh session the report called for in operative paragraph 3.
