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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 3261 E (XXIX) of 9 December 1974.
2. At its 2353rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1975, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in the agenda of the thirtieth session and to allocate it to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. At its 2072nd meeting, on 30 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on the items allocated to it relating to disarmament and the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, namely, agenda items 31, 34 to 48, 120, 122 and 126. The general debate on these items took place at the 2072nd to 2095th meetings, from 30 October to 21 November.
4. On 1 December, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, the United Republic of Cameroon, the Upper Volta and Zaire submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.742), which was subsequently also sponsored by the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau and Somalia. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Nigeria at the 2103rd meeting, on 3 December.
5. At its 2106th meeting, on 4 December, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/L.742 by a recorded vote of 114 to none (see para. 6 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

6. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa

The General Assembly,

Convinced that nuclear-weapon-free zones provide the best and easiest means whereby non-nuclear-weapon States can, by their own initiative and effort, ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons from their territories and enhance their mutual security,

Mindful of the fact that nuclear-weapon-free zones strengthen and promote the régime for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all States to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes,

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Recalling its resolutions 1652 (XVI) of 24 November 1961, 2033 (XX) of 3 December 1965 and 3261 E (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, which called upon all States to consider and respect the continent of Africa, including the continental African States, Madagascar and other islands surrounding Africa, as a nuclear-weapon-free zone,

Noting the solemn Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the Denuclearization of Africa, 1/

Noting also that the aforementioned Declaration has been endorsed by the Second Conference of the Heads of State or Government of Non-aligned Countries, 2/

1. Agrees that implementation of the Declaration of the African Heads of State and Government on the Denuclearization of Africa will be a significant measure to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the world, conducive to complete and general disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament;

2. Reaffirms its call upon all States to respect and abide by the Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the Denuclearization of Africa;

3. Reaffirms further its call upon all States to consider and respect the continent of Africa, including the continental African States, Madagascar and other islands surrounding Africa, as a nuclear-weapon-free zone;

4. Reiterates its call upon all States to refrain from testing, manufacturing, deploying, transporting, storing, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons on the African continent;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the Organization of African Unity towards the realization of the solemn Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa in which the African Heads of State and Government announced their readiness to undertake, in an international treaty to be concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, not to manufacture or acquire control of nuclear weapons;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa".

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 105, document A/5975.

2/ See A/5763.