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CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS UNDER ALL DISARMAMENT AGENDA ITEMS

The CHAIRMAN: I call on the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Kheradi.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): I should like to inform

the Committee that the following countries have become sponsors of the following draft resolutions:

A/C.1/46/L.36: Luxembourg;

A/C.1/46/L.7/Rev.1: Uruguay;

A/C.1/46/L.26: Republic of Korea and Senegal;

A/C.1/46/L.9, L.23, L.25, L.28 and L.43: India.

The CHAIRMAN: In accordance with the programme of work and timetable, this morning the Committee will begin taking action on draft resolutions under disarmament agenda items which appear in cluster 1. Those draft resolutions are listed in the informal paper which was distributed to members of the Committee on Tuesday, 5 November. As representatives were informed at our previous meeting, under cluster 1 today we shall take action on draft resolutions A/C.1/46/L.1, L.3, L.5, L.8, L.10, L.13, L.26, L.33 and L.39.

Before proceeding to the stage of taking decisions on draft resolutions I should like once again to remind members of the Committee of the following procedure which will be observed during this stage of the Committee's work. As regards action on each individual cluster, delegations will first have the opportunity to introduce draft resolutions in that cluster. Delegations will then have the opportunity to make any statement other than in explanation of their positions or votes which they regard as necessary with respect to the draft resolutions in the cluster.

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Subsequently, delegations wishing to explain their positions or votes on any or all of the draft resolutions in a particular cluster before a decision is taken would do so. Then, after the Committee has taken a decision on the draft resolutions contained in a given cluster, delegations wishing to explain their positions or votes after the decision is taken would do so.

In connection with the procedures to which I have just referred, I wish to appeal to delegations to make a consolidated statement on draft resolutions contained in a given cluster, with respect to the statements and explanations of vote concerned. I am confident that I will have the Committee's cooperation in this matter since, in effect, such an approach will be conducive to greater rationalization of our work.

Before the Committee proceeds to take a decision on the draft resolutions contained in cluster 1, I shall call on those delegations wishing to introduce draft resolutions.

I call on the representative of Nigeria, who will introduce draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33.

Mr. AZIKIWE (Nigeria): It is an honour for me to introduce, on behalf of the other sponsors, draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33, entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship training and advisory services".

The world is at a historic turning-point. Times are changing, giving rise to more hope perhaps than at any time in recent memory. Through the opportunities offered to an appreciable number of public officials by the United Nations disarmament fellowship and advisory services, a great deal of useful experience has been gained over the years. Indeed, some of the representatives participating in the work of this Committee today have benefited in the past from the fellowship programme. They certainly possess a

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much clearer sense of expertise on the complex and complicated issues of disarmament, which enables them to respond effectively to our deliberations.

The draft resolution before the Committee is essentially the same as the one adopted last year. In the preambular paragraph of the draft resolution the Assembly would note with satisfaction that the programme has trained a number of public officials. In addition, it would note that many officials of developing countries had acquired expertise through the training programme.

The Assembly would also express its appreciation to Member States which had rendered financial assistance to the workshops conducted under the programme. The support of all Member States is required to enable the training programme to continue to achieve its primary objective of providing expertise to developing countries in the field of disarmament.

It is the hope of the sponsors that the draft resolution will, as in previous years, be adopted without a vote.

The CHAIRMAN: As no delegations wish to make statements other than in explanation of their positions on draft resolutions in cluster 1, I shall now call on those delegations wishing to explain their position before a decision is taken on all draft resolutions in cluster 1.

Mr. BRECKON (United States of America): The United States wishes to announce that we will not participate in whatever action the First Committee takes on draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8 in cluster 1. The United States believes that disarmament and development are two distinct issues that cannot be considered as organically linked. Consequently, the United States did not participate in the 1987 International Conference on this matter.

(Mr. Breckon, United States)

The United States delegation requests that the record of today's proceedings reflect the fact that the United States has not participated in consideration of, or action on, draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8, on disarmament and development.

At the same time, our delegation takes this opportunity to state again that the United States Government does not and will not consider itself bound by the declarations in the Final Document of the International Conference.

The CHAIRMAN: The statement of the representative of the United States will appear in the record.

Mr. MARIN BOSCH (Mexico) (interpretation from Spanish): Before the First Committee takes action on the draft decision in document A/C.1/46/L.39, the delegation of Mexico would like to state its understanding about the procedure to be followed in the preparatory process for the 1995 Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). The text of the draft decision is the result of a series of consultations initiated a year ago at the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly. In those consultations, reference was made to the fact that in 1990 there would be no draft resolution on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and that the preparatory procedure for the 1995 Conference would begin in 1992 or at the beginning of 1993, and that both the Preparatory Committee and the Conference itself would meet in New York.

Of course, this is neither the place nor the time for taking a decision on these matters. In a year there will be consultations by the States parties, but we do believe that it is opportune to state our understanding in this regard.

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee will now proceed to take a decision on draft resolutions listed in cluster 1, beginning with draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.1 entitled "World Disarmament Campaign" under agenda item 61 (d).

I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.1 has 17 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of Mexico at the 30th meeting of the First Committee on 7 November 1991. The sponsors of the draft resolution are as follows: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.1 have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.1 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now take a decision on draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.3, entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission", under agenda item 62 (a).

I call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.3 has 15 sponsors. It was introduced by the representative of Austria at the 28th meeting of the First Committee, on 6 November 1991. The list of sponsors is as follows: Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Peru, Poland and Romania.

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.3 have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly?

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.3 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee will now take a decision on A/C.1/46/L.5, entitled "Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques", under agenda item 60.

I call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.5 has 2 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of

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Finland at the 28th meeting of the First Committee, on 6 November 1991. The sponsors are Argentina and Finland.

I should now like to make a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General with respect to draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.5.

By the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/46/L.5, entitled "Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques", the General Assembly would note that, as a result of consultations, a majority of States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, had expressed their wish to convene the Second Review Conference of the parties to the Convention in September 1992 and that, to that end, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary of the Convention, would hold consultations with the parties to the Convention with regard to questions relating to the Conference and its preparation, including the establishment of a preparatory committee for the Conference. It would further request the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as might be required for the Review Conference and its preparation. It would also note that arrangements for meeting the costs of the Review Conference and its preparation were to be made by the Conference.

Accordingly, the Secretary-General considers that his mandate under the draft resolution to render the necessary assistance and provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the Review Conference and its preparation would have no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations and that the associated costs would be met in accordance

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with the financial arrangements to be made by the parties to the Convention. In this regard, the Controller has stressed that all activities related to international conventions or treaties which, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations may be undertaken only when sufficient resources to cover the activities in question have been received from the States parties.

Mrs. CASTRO de BARISH (Costa Rica) (interpretation from Spanish):

As the Foreign Minister of Costa Rica stated in the general debate in the Assembly, we attach great importance to this issue. My delegation would therefore be grateful if we could be listed among the sponsors of this draft resolution.

The CHAIRMAN: The request of the representative of Costa Rica has been noted.

The sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.5 have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly?

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.5 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee will now take a decision on draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", under agenda item 60 (e).

I call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8 was introduced by the representative of Yugoslavia at the 30th meeting of the First Committee, on 7 November 1991, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. Afghanistan has also become a sponsor of this draft resolution.

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8 have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now proceed to take action on draft decision A/C.1/46/L.10, entitled "Conventional disarmament on a regional scale", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 60 (n). I now call upon the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft decision A/C.1/46/L.10 was introduced by the representative of Peru at the 30th meeting of the First Committee on 7 November 1991.

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of this draft decision have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft decision A/C.1/46/L.10 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now proceed to take a decision on the draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.13 entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 64. I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.13 has 22 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of Sweden at the 29th meeting of the First Committee, on 6 November 1991. The list of sponsors is as follows: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Samoa, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of this draft resolution have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.13 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now proceed to take a decision on resolution A/C.1/46/L.26 entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements", submitted under agenda item 48. I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.26 has 41 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of the United States at the 31st meeting of the First Committee, on 7 November 1991. The list of sponsors is as follows: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zaire.

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of this draft resolution have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.26 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now proceed to take a decision on draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33 entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 61 (b). I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33 has 21 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of Nigeria at the 32nd meeting of the First Committee, on 8 November 1991. The list of sponsors is as follows: Algeria, Argentina, Bolivia, Cuba, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Viet Nam.

The CHAIRMAN: I call on the representative of Costa Rica on a point of order.

Mrs. CASTRO de BARISH (Costa Rica) (interpretation from Spanish): I have asked to speak to request that Costa Rica be included among the sponsors of this draft resolution.

The CHAIRMAN: The statement by the representative of Costa Rica will be noted.

The sponsors of the draft resolution have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now proceed to take a decision on draft decision A/C.1/46/L.39 entitled "Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 60. I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft decision A/C.1/46/L.39 was introduced by the representative of Peru at the 30th meeting of the First Committee, on 7 November 1991, on behalf of the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

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While I am speaking I should like to read out, on behalf of the Secretary-General, the following statement with respect to draft decision A/C.1/46/L.39 regarding the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee.

"By the draft decision contained in document A/C.1/46/L.39 concerning the 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the General Assembly would take note of the intent of the Parties to the Treaty to form a Preparatory Committee in 1993 for the Conference and would decide to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled 'Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee'.

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"It should be noted that the Conference would be a conference of States Parties to the Treaty. Accordingly, the Secretary-General considers that, as with the previous four Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty, there would be no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations and that the associated costs would be met in accordance with the financial arrangements to be made by the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In this regard, the Controller has stressed that all activities related to international Conventions or Treaties which, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations, may be undertaken only when sufficient resources to cover the activities in question have been received from the States Parties."

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of the draft resolution have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.39 was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: I shall now call on those delegations wishing to explain their positions after a decision is taken on all draft resolutions listed in cluster 1.

Mr. DONOWAKI (Japan): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33 has just been adopted without a vote. Japan considers that the United Nations fellowship programme is very important in promoting expertise in disarmament among future leaders, in particular of developing countries. At the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, held in 1982, Japan proposed to invite the participants in the programme to make a study visit to Japan, including visits to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Based on that proposal, Japan has received more than 200 participants since 1983.

(Mr. Donowaki, Japan)

My delegation wishes to inform the Committee that this year again, as last year, Japan has been happy to welcome participants in the programme to Japan, and Japan is willing to continue to cooperate with the programme in the future.

Mr. LEE (Republic of Korea): I should like to speak on two draft resolutions that have just been adopted without a vote: A/C.1/46/L.26, entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements", and A/C.1/46/L.33, entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme".

As I speak in the Committee for the first time, Mr. Chairman, I should like to express on behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Korea my sincere congratulations to you on your assumption of the chairmanship of the First Committee, as well as to the other members of the Bureau on their election. I assure you of the full support and cooperation of my delegation. We wish you every success.

The Republic of Korea, as a sponsoring State, welcomes the adoption of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.26, entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements". We find extremely significant the adoption of the draft resolution at this historic time of world-wide reconciliation and cooperation, which we are convinced will serve as an impetus for the members of the international community in complying with arms limitation and disarmament agreements.

The Republic of Korea wishes to draw particular attention to the important question of compliance with nuclear-related agreements by the parties involved. Taking into consideration the formidable destructive power of nuclear weapons, we cannot overemphasize that complete and sincere

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compliance with nuclear-related agreements by all States Parties, whether nuclear-weapon States or non-nuclear-weapon States, must be ensured.

We believe that the conclusion of a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as required under Article III of the non-proliferation Treaty, is an essential obligation to be fulfilled by all States Parties under the non-proliferation Treaty regime and is central to the effectiveness and validity of the Treaty.

In this regard, it is to our deep concern and regret that a certain country suspected of possessing significant nuclear facilities still fails to fulfil these vital obligations, and thus poses a threat to global stability and undermines the credibility of the international legal system.

My delegation greatly appreciates the ongoing international efforts aimed at the resolution of such non-compliance, with a view to encouraging strict observance of the provisions of the non-proliferation Treaty regime by the party concerned and to strengthening the integrity of the Treaty.

The delegation of the Republic of Korea also wishes to place on record its position regarding draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33, which has also just been adopted by consensus.

We believe that the United Nations disarmament, fellowship, training and advisory services programme has made great contributions to enabling a number of government officials to gain expertise in the field of disarmament. My own Government is among those that have benefited from the programme. We hope that opportunities will continue to be accorded in the future to many other countries, especially in the developing world. My Government is prepared to contribute to the successful implementation of various United Nations programmes dedicated to arms control and disarmament.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall now proceed to take a decision on draft resolutions listed in cluster 2, beginning with draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.15, entitled "Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons", which comes under agenda item 60 (f).

I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.15 has 5 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of Canada at the 30th meeting of the First Committee, on 7 November 1991. The list of sponsors is as follows: Bulgaria, Canada, Nigeria, Sweden and Bolivia.

The CHAIRMAN: The sponsors of this draft resolution have expressed the wish that the draft resolution be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution AC.1/46/L.15 was adopted.

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The CHAIRMAN: I would like to inform members of the Committee that owing to the ongoing consultations, action on draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.40 will be delayed until a later stage.

At our meeting on Monday, I intend to put to the Committee for action the draft resolutions in cluster 3, with the exception of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.31; in cluster 5, with the exception of draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.9; and in cluster 4. In cluster 4, we will take up draft resolutions A/C.1/46/L.24, A/C.1/46/L.30 and A/C.1/46/L.35/Rev.1.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.