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INTRODUCTION

1. At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted without a vote resolution 39/160 of 17 December 1984, which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 38/71 B, of 15 December 1983,

"Recalling the provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, concerning the relationship between disarmament and development,

"Considering:

"(a) That world-wide military spending has acquired a staggering magnitude and the global trend continues to be towards a faster rate of annual increase in these expenditures,

"(b) That this situation stands in dramatic contrast to the sombre state of the global economy and has serious implications for the economic prospects of the world, particularly those of the developing countries,

"(c) That the world economy, particularly that of developing countries, would benefit from appropriate international action that took into account the close relationship of disarmament and development,

"Also considering that in view of the importance and urgency of giving international consideration and practical expression to that relationship, the time has come for a comprehensive discussion of the subject at a high political level,

"Taking note of the report adopted by the Disarmament Commission at the end of its 1984 session,

"Taking note, in particular, of the recommendation contained in the report of the Disarmament Commission according to which efforts should be continued to enable the General Assembly to reach, at its thirty-ninth session, a broad measure of agreement on the subject, taking into account the views expressed in the report,

"1. Decides to convene an International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, which should be preceded by thorough preparation and should take decisions by consensus;

"2. Also decides that the purposes of the Conference should be:

"(a) To review the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions;

"(b) To undertake an examination of the implications of the level and magnitude of the continuing military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries, and to make recommendations for remedial measures;

"(c) To consider ways and means of releasing additional resources, through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular in favour of developing countries;

"3. Further decides to set up a Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development composed of fifty-four members, which should formulate and submit, by consensus, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, recommendations as to the provisional agenda, procedure, place, date and duration of the Conference."

2. At its fortieth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 40/155 of 16 December 1985, which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 38/71 B of 15 December 1983 and 39/160 of 17 December 1984,

"Recalling, in particular, its decision to convene an International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, which should be preceded by thorough preparation and should take decisions by consensus, and to set up a Preparatory Committee for the Conference, which should formulate and submit, by consensus, to the General Assembly, at its fortieth session, recommendations as to the provisional agenda, procedure, place, date and duration of the Conference,

"1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development and approves the recommendations contained therein;

"2. Recommends for adoption by the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development the following provisional agenda drawn up by the Preparatory Committee:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Election of the other officers.

5. Credentials of the representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
6. Adoption of the agenda.
7. Organization of work.
8. Consideration of the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions.
9. Consideration of the implications of the level and magnitude of military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and the international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries, and formulation of appropriate recommendations for remedial measures.
10. Consideration of ways and means of releasing additional resources, through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular for the benefit of developing countries.
11. Adoption of the final document of the Conference.
12. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.

"3. Also recommends for adoption by the Conference the proposals relating to procedure contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee;

"4. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of France for its invitation to act as host to the Conference, and accordingly decides that the Conference shall be held in Paris from 15 July to 2 August 1986;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to invite all States to participate in the Conference and to apply, as regards other participants and observers, the provisions of section XI of the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference, annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee;

"6. Authorizes the Preparatory Committee to hold one or, if necessary, two additional sessions, each of two weeks' duration, open to all States and devoted to consideration of the substantive questions included in the agenda for the Conference;

"7. Decides that the second session of the Preparatory Committee shall be held in New York from 1 to 11 April 1986 and that, if necessary, a third session shall be held in New York in June, taking into account all relevant

factors, including the need for minimizing costs and for adequate representation;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference;

"9. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to assist in the tasks provided for in paragraph 19 of the report of the Preparatory Committee and to ensure implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20 (documentation), 21 (convening of a panel of eminent personalities qualified in the field of disarmament and development), 22 (appropriate information to the General Assembly on the preparatory process) and 23 (dissemination of information relating to the Conference and its preparatory work);

"10. Requests the organizations of the United Nations system and the International Atomic Energy Agency to contribute fully to the preparatory work in the field of documentation, in conformity with the recommendations contained in paragraph 20 of the report of the Preparatory Committee."

3. At its resumed fortieth session, the General Assembly adopted decision 40/473 of 20 June 1986, which reads as follows:

"At its 133rd plenary meeting, on 20 June 1986, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development decided to postpone the Conference until 1987."

4. At its forty-first session, the General Assembly adopted decision 41/422 of 4 December 1986, which reads as follows:

"At its 96th plenary meeting, on 4 December 1986, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, and on the basis of the recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development and in conformity with General Assembly decision 40/473 of 20 June 1986, decided:

"(a) To hold the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development at United Nations Headquarters from 24 August to 11 September 1987;

"(b) To convene the Preparatory Committee for one more session from 21 April to 1 May 1987;

"(c) To request the Member States and the Secretary-General of the Conference, based on the information in the report of the Preparatory Committee, concerning the results so far achieved in the substantial and organizational preparation for the Conference, to continue and intensify their participation in the final stage of the preparatory process, especially in making available their views and proposals on substantive issues, in order to ensure the best possible success of the Conference."

Preparatory process

5. Pursuant to the above resolutions and decisions, the Preparatory Committee held four sessions at United Nations Headquarters: the first from 29 July to 9 August 1985; the second from 1 to 11 April 1986; the third from 2 to 13 June 1986; and the fourth from 21 April to 1 May 1987.

6. At its first session, the Preparatory Committee unanimously elected the following officers who continued to serve in that capacity throughout its four sessions:

Chairman: Mr. Muchkund Dubey (India)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Dietmar Hucke (German Democratic Republic)  
Mr. Martin Huslid (Norway)  
Mr. Oscar Oramas-Oliva (Cuba)

Rapporteur: Mr. Bernard A. N. Mudho (Kenya)

7. In pursuance of paragraph 8 of resolution 40/155 of 16 December 1985, the Secretary-General appointed Mr. Jan Martenson, then Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, as the Secretary-General of the Conference.

8. In accordance with paragraph 9 of resolution 40/155, the Secretary-General of the Conference convened a Panel of Eminent Personalities in the Field of Disarmament and Development in New York from 16 to 18 April 1986.

9. The Preparatory Committee submitted its successive reports to the General Assembly at its fortieth 1/ and forty-first 2/ sessions. At the end of its fourth session, the Preparatory Committee adopted its report to the Conference (A/CONF.130/1).

I. ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Organization of the Conference

10. In accordance with General Assembly decision 41/422, the Conference was convened on 24 August 1987 at United Nations Headquarters. After the opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Conference elected by acclamation Mr. Natwar Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs of India, as President.

11. Also at the first meeting, the Conference adopted the following agenda, as recommended by the Preparatory Committee (document A/CONF.130/2) and as orally amended:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Election of the other officers.
5. Credentials of the representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
6. Presentation of the report of the Preparatory Committee to the Conference.
7. Adoption of the agenda.
8. Organization of work.
9. Consideration of the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions.
10. Consideration of the implications of the level and magnitude of military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and the international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries, and formulation of appropriate recommendations for remedial measures.
11. Consideration of ways and means of releasing additional resources, through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular for the benefit of developing countries.
12. Adoption of the final document of the Conference.
13. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.

Subsequently the agenda was issued as document A/CONF.130/9.

12. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure as contained in annex II to the report of the Preparatory Committee to the Conference (A/CONF.130/1).

13. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Muchkund Dubey (India), presented the report of the Preparatory Committee to the Conference.

14. In conformity with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Conference unanimously appointed the following officers:

Chairman of the Committee of the Whole:	Mr. Martin Huslid (Norway)
Chairman of Working Group I:	Mr. Dietmar Hucke (German Democratic Republic)
Chairman of Working Group II:	Mr. Oscar Oramas-Oliva (Cuba)
Chairman of Working Group III:	Mr. Paul Bamela Engo (Cameroon)
Rapporteur General:	Lieutenant-Colonel W. Alexander Morrison (Canada)

The Conference also unanimously appointed nine Vice-Presidents from the following States: Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

15. The Conference also appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee in conformity with rule 4 of the rules of procedure: Bahamas, China, Germany, Federal Republic of, Fiji, Ghana, Netherlands, Rwanda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Venezuela. At its first meeting, on 4 September 1987, the Credentials Committee unanimously appointed Mr. Andres Aguilar (Venezuela) as its Presiding Officer.

#### Participation in the Conference

16. A total of 150 States participated in the Conference, as follows: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, 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 Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

17. The Holy See participated in the Conference as an observer.

18. Namibia was represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

19. The Palestine Liberation Organization participated in the Conference as an observer, in accordance with rule 40 of the rules of procedure.

20. The following specialized agencies participated in the Conference, in accordance with rule 41 of the rules of procedure:\* International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; and International Atomic Energy Agency.

21. The following intergovernmental organizations participated in the Conference as observers in accordance with rule 42 of the rules of procedure: Organization of American States; League of Arab States; Organization of African Unity; European Economic Community; Council for Mutual Economic Assistance; and Organization of the Islamic Conference.

22. The following interested United Nations bodies participated in the Conference as observers, in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Fund for Population Activities; United Nations Institute for Training and Research; World Food Council; and Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

23. One hundred eighty-three non-governmental organizations attended the Conference under rule 44 of the rules of procedure.

24. A list of participants in the Conference is contained in documents A/CONF.130/INF/1/Rev.1 and Add.1 and 2.

25. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 4 September 1987. At that meeting, it adopted its report to the Conference on the credentials of participants in the Conference (A/CONF.130/19). At its 14th plenary meeting on 11 September 1987, the Conference approved the report.

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\* For the purpose of the rules of procedure, the term "specialized agencies" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Documentation

26. The Conference had before it the following documents:

- A/CONF.130/1 Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International and Corr.1 Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development
- A/CONF.130/2 Provisional agenda
- A/CONF.130/3 Letter dated 24 July 1987 from the representatives of the Nordic countries to the Secretary-General of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/4 Letter dated 17 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/5 Letter dated 20 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/6 Letter dated 24 August 1987 from the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/7 Message from the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania addressed to the President of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development
- A/CONF.130/8 Message dated 21 August 1987 from the Prime Minister of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic addressed to the President of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development
- A/CONF.130/9 Agenda
- A/CONF.130/10 Message from Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/11 Message from the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic addressed to the President of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/12 Message from the President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference

- A/CONF.130/13 Message dated 21 August 1987 from the Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea addressed to the International Conference
- A/CONF.130/14 Message from the President of the Council of State of the People's Republic of Bulgaria addressed to the President of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/15 Letter dated 25 August 1987 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the Message of the President of the Council of State of the Polish People's Republic addressed to the President of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/16 Letter dated 25 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference containing the message of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party addressed to the participants in the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development
- A/CONF.130/17 Letter dated 25 August 1987 from the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and head of the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, addressed to the President of the Conference, transmitting the message of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to participants in the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development
- A/CONF.130/18 Letter dated 28 August 1987 from the delegations of Australia, Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/19 Report of the Credentials Committee
- A/CONF.130/20 Letter dated 9 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
- A/CONF.130/21 Report of the Committee of the Whole to the Conference containing a draft final document

- A/CONF.130/INF.1/  
Rev.1 and Add.1-2 List of delegations
- A/CONF.130/INF.2 Schedule of meetings
- A/CONF.130/INF.3 Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the  
and Corr.1 implementation of paragraph 46 of the report of the  
Preparatory Committee for the International Conference

Work of the Conference

27. The Conference held ... plenary meetings between 24 August and 11 September 1987, when it concluded its work.
28. The general debate in plenary, in which 99 States took part, was held from 24 August to 1 September 1987. In addition, Mrs. Inga Thorsson, the Moderator of the Panel of Eminent Personalities in the Field of Disarmament and Development, presented the Joint Declaration of the Panel in accordance with paragraph 45 of the report of the Preparatory Committee.
29. The Committee of the Whole held nine meetings from 26 August to 9 September 1987, during which it:
- (a) Adopted its programme of work;
  - (b) Decided to take as a basis for its work the draft for the final document transmitted to the Conference by the Preparatory Committee in annex III to its report;
  - (c) Decided that the reports of the Working Groups should be submitted for its consideration not later than 4 September;
  - (d) Agreed to devote part of four open meetings to statements made by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;
  - (e) Invited the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Jan Martenson, to introduce his report on the implementation of paragraph 46 of the report of the Preparatory Committee to the Conference, as contained in document A/CONF.130/INF/3 and Corr.1.
30. Working Group I held five meetings from 27 August to 3 September. Its report (A/CONF.130/CW/WP.1) was submitted to the Committee of the Whole at its 5th meeting, on 4 September 1987.
31. Working Group II held five meetings from 28 August to 3 September 1987. Its report (A/CONF.130/CW/WP.2) was submitted to the Committee of the Whole at its 5th meeting, on 4 September 1987.
32. Working Group III held five meetings from 28 August to 4 September 1987. Its report (A/CONF.130/CW/WP.3) was submitted to the Committee of the Whole at its 5th meeting on 4 September 1987.

33. At its 5th meeting, on 4 September 1987, the Committee of the Whole decided to take note of the three reports.

34. At its 9th meeting, on 9 September 1987, the Committee of the Whole decided by consensus to recommend to the Conference for adoption the draft final document contained in document A/CONF.130/21.

35. The report of the Committee of the Whole containing a draft final document (A/CONF.130/21), was submitted to the Conference at its 14th plenary meeting, on 1 September 1987.

#### Conclusion of the Conference

36. At its ... plenary meeting, on 11 September 1987 the Conference adopted by consensus its final document. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted by consensus its report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, as a whole.

#### II. FINAL DOCUMENT (to be issued as an addendum)

##### Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 51 (A/40/51).

2/ Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 51 (A/41/51).

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