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## GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; draft resolution

Bilateral nuclear-arms negotiations

The General Assembly,

Recalling that at their meeting at Geneva in November 1985 the leaders of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics committed themselves to the objective of working out effective agreements aimed at preventing an arms race in space and terminating it on Earth, 1/

Noting that in their joint statement of 8 January 1985 the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics agreed that the subject of the negotiations was a complex of questions concerning space and nuclear arms, both strategic and intermediate-range, with all these questions considered and resolved in their interrelationship, 2/

Noting with satisfaction that at their meeting at Washington from 15 to 17 September 1987, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reached an agreement in principle on the elimination of their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles,

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1/ A/40/1070, annex.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/40/27 and Corr.1), appendix II (CD/642/Appendix II/Vol. II), documents CD/570 and CD/571.

Noting also with satisfaction the agreement of the two Governments that a similarly intensive effort should be made to achieve a treaty on a fifty per cent reduction in their strategic offensive arms,

Noting further with satisfaction that the two sides remain committed to further progress in their bilateral negotiations, building on what has been achieved so far,

Believing that, through negotiations pursued in a spirit of flexibility and with full account taken of the security interests of all States, it is possible to achieve far-reaching and effectively verifiable agreements,

Firmly convinced that an early agreement in these negotiations, in accordance with the principle of undiminished security at the lowest possible level of armaments, would be of crucial importance for the strengthening of international peace and security,

Further convinced that the international community should encourage the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in their endeavours, taking into account both the importance and complexity of their negotiations,

1. Welcomes the agreement in principle between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to conclude a treaty eliminating their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles;

2. Urges the two Governments to make early progress in other areas where there is common ground, in particular to make an intensive effort to achieve a treaty on a fifty per cent reduction in their strategic offensive arms;

3. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to spare no effort in seeking the attainment of all their agreed objectives in the negotiations, in accordance with the security interests of all States and the universal desire for progress towards disarmament;

4. Invites the two Governments concerned to keep other States Members of the United Nations duly informed of progress in those negotiations between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in accordance with paragraph 114 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 3/ the first special session devoted to disarmament;

5. Expresses its firmest possible encouragement and support for the bilateral negotiations and their successful conclusion.

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