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ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION:
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE TENTH
SPECIAL SESSION; VERIFICATION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Botswana, Bulgaria,
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Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece,
Iceland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand,
Norway, Portugal, Samoa, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution

Verification in all its aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/152 D of 16 December 1985 and 41/86 Q of
4 December 1986,

Conscious of the urgent need to reach agreements on arms limitation and
disarmament measures capable of contributing to the maintenance of peace and
security,

Convinced that, if such measures are to be effective, they must be fair and
balanced and acceptable to all parties, their substance must be clear and
compliance with them must be evident,

Noting that the critical importance of verification of and compliance with
agreements is universally recognized,

Reaffirming its conviction, as expressed in paragraph 91 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ adopted by consensus at that session, its first special session devoted to disarmament, that in order to facilitate the conclusion and effective implementation of disarmament agreements and to create confidence, States should accept appropriate provisions for verification in such agreements,

Reiterating its view that:

(a) Disarmament and arms limitation agreements should provide for adequate and effective measures of verification satisfactory to all parties concerned in order to create the necessary confidence and to ensure that they are being observed by all parties,

(b) The form and modalities of the verification to be provided for in any specific agreement depend upon and should be determined by the purposes, scope and nature of the agreement,

(c) Agreements should provide for the participation of parties directly or through the United Nations system in the verification process,

(d) Where appropriate, a combination of several methods of verification as well as other compliance procedures should be employed,

Recalling that:

(a) In the context of international disarmament negotiations, the problem of verification should be further examined and adequate methods and procedures in this field should be considered,

(b) Every effort should be made to develop appropriate methods and procedures that are non-discriminatory and that do not unduly interfere with the internal affairs of other States or jeopardize their economic and social development,

Believing that verification techniques should be developed as an objective means of determining compliance with agreements and appropriately taken into account in the course of disarmament negotiations,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Disarmament Commission, 2/

1. Calls upon Member States to increase their efforts towards achieving agreements on balanced, mutually acceptable, comprehensively verifiable and effective arms limitation and disarmament measures;

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/42/42).

2. Encourages all States that have not already done so to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 31 March 1988, their views and suggestions on verification principles as invited by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/86 Q;

3. Urges individual Member States and groups of Member States possessing verification expertise to consider means by which they can contribute to, and promote the inclusion of, adequate and effective verification measures in arms limitation and disarmament agreements;

4. Requests the Disarmament Commission to conclude its consideration of verification in all its aspects at its 1988 substantive session, in the context of pursuing general and complete disarmament under effective international control, as a matter of critical importance in the negotiation and implementation of arms limitation and disarmament, with a view to the elaboration of concrete recommendations and proposals, as appropriate, regarding verification in all its aspects, including principles, provisions and techniques to promote the inclusion of adequate verification in arms limitation and disarmament agreements and the role of the United Nations and its Member States in the field of verification, and to report on its deliberations, conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament and to its forty-third session;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the Disarmament Commission at its 1988 substantive session a compilation of the views received from Member States on the issue;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Verification in all its aspects".
