

(a) The agenda of the First Committee should be rationalized by grouping or merging related items to the extent possible in order to provide greater organizational clarity and without prejudging their substance;

(b) Recommendations on procedural matters should be adopted as decisions, not as resolutions;

(c) In the interest of maximum effectiveness and efficiency, draft resolutions on the same subject or under the same agenda items should be merged, whenever possible;

(d) A period of time for discussion and for organized informal consultations among delegations should be allocated in the programme of work of the First Committee;

(e) The First Committee should have a single general debate on all disarmament questions during which delegations may speak on specific issues, in order to ensure the best use of time and resources available;

(f) The deadline for the submission of draft resolutions on disarmament items should be advanced further to the extent feasible with a view to allowing sufficient time for consultations before proceeding to take action upon them;

2. *Requests* the First Committee to implement the above-mentioned recommendations at the forty-third session of the General Assembly.

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30 November 1987*

#### 42/43. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, contained in its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, and recalling also its resolutions 2992 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3080 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3259 A (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, 3468 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/88 of 14 December 1976, 32/86 of 12 December 1977, S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, 33/68 of 14 December 1978, 34/80 A and B of 11 December 1979, 35/150 of 12 December 1980, 36/90 of 9 December 1981, 37/96 of 13 December 1982, 38/185 of 20 December 1983, 39/149 of 17 December 1984, 40/153 of 16 December 1985, 41/87 of 4 December 1986 and other relevant resolutions,

*Recalling further* the report of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean,<sup>110</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean<sup>111</sup> and the exchange of views in the Committee;

2. *Takes note* of the discussions on substantive issues in the Working Group established in accordance with the *Ad Hoc* Committee's decision of 11 July 1985;

3. *Emphasizes* its decision to convene the Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, as a necessary step for the implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace adopted in 1971;

4. *Renews* the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Committee as defined in the relevant resolutions, and requests the Committee to intensify its work with regard to the implementation of its mandate;

5. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to hold three preparatory sessions in 1988, each of a duration of one

week, one of which could be held at Colombo in accordance with a decision to be taken by the *Ad Hoc* Committee at its first session in 1988;

6. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee, should the preparatory work not be completed to enable the convening of the Conference in 1988, to complete the remaining work during its subsequent sessions in order to enable the convening of the Conference at Colombo at an early date, but not later than 1990, in consultation with the host country;

7. *Notes* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee will, during its preparatory sessions in 1988, give serious consideration to ways and means of more effectively organizing work in the *Ad Hoc* Committee to enable it to fulfil its mandate;

8. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to submit to the Conference a report on its preparatory work;

9. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament;

10. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a full report on the implementation of the present resolution;

11. *Requests* the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to continue his consultations on the participation in the work of the Committee by States Members of the United Nations which are not members of the Committee, with the aim of resolving this matter at the earliest possible date;

12. *Requests* the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to consult the Secretary-General at the appropriate time on the establishment of a secretariat for the Conference;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Committee, including the provision of summary records, in recognition of its preparatory function, as well as verbatim transcripts for a possible meeting at Colombo.

*85th plenary meeting  
30 November 1987*

#### 42/44. Israeli nuclear armament

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* its previous resolutions on Israeli nuclear armament, the latest of which is resolution 41/93 of 4 December 1986,

*Recalling* its resolution 41/48 of 3 December 1986, in which, *inter alia*, it called for placing all nuclear facilities in the region under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards, pending the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East,

*Recalling further* Security Council resolution 487 (1981) of 19 June 1981, in which, *inter alia*, the Council called upon Israel urgently to place all its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards,

*Noting* that only Israel has been specifically called upon by the Security Council to place its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on Israeli nuclear armament,<sup>112</sup>

*Noting with grave concern* Israel's persistent refusal to commit itself not to manufacture or acquire nuclear weapons, despite repeated calls by the General Assembly, the

<sup>110</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/34/45 and Corr.1).*

<sup>111</sup> *Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/42/29).*

<sup>112</sup> A/42/581.