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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Report of the First Committee (Part I)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled:

"Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions  
adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

- "(a) Report of the Committee on Disarmament;
- "(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
- "(c) Preparations for the second special session of the General Assembly  
devoted to disarmament;
- "(d) Paragraph 125 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session:
  - (i) Report of the Committee on Disarmament;
  - (ii) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
- "(e) Implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the tenth  
special session;
- "(f) United Nations programme of fellowships on disarmament: report of  
the Secretary-General;
- "(g) Non-use of nuclear weapons and prevention of nuclear war: report  
of the Committee on Disarmament;

- "(h) Disarmament Week: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(i) Nuclear weapons in all aspects: report of the Committee on Disarmament;
- "(j) Programme of research and studies on disarmament: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(k) United Nations studies on disarmament: report of the Secretary-General"

was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 33/71 H (sect. III) and L, 34/83 B, C, D, G, H, I, J and M and decision 34/422.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1980, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 3rd meeting, on 9 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on the items allocated to it relating to disarmament, namely, items 31 to 49 and item 121. The general debate on these items took place at the 4th to 28th meetings, from 15 October to 4 November (A/C.1/35/PV.4-28).

4. In connexion with item 44, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Committee on Disarmament; 1/
- (b) Report of the Disarmament Commission; 2/
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on Disarmament Week, pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 34/83 I (A/35/147);
- (d) Letter dated 2 April 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the appeal of the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania to all parliaments and peoples of the countries participating in the Helsinki All-European Conference (A/35/164);
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General transmitting the study on the question of a comprehensive nuclear-test ban, prepared pursuant to General Assembly decision 34/422 (A/35/257);

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/35/27).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 42 (A/35/42).

(f) Note verbale dated 28 July 1980 from the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/35/355);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations programme of fellowships on disarmament, pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 34/83 D (A/35/521);

(h) Note verbale dated 14 October 1980 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and heads of delegations of the non-aligned countries to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session (A/35/542);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of research and studies on disarmament, pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 34/83 M (A/35/574);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations studies on disarmament (A/35/575);

(k) Letter dated 31 October 1980 from the Permanent Representatives of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a memorandum on the question of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (A/C.1/35/10);

(l) Letter dated 11 November 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.1/35/13).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

5. The consideration of proposals submitted under this agenda item is divided into two parts. Part I deals only with a draft resolution on the preparations for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. Part II deals with all other proposals submitted under the agenda item.

### A. Draft resolution A/C.1/35/L.7

6. On 3 November, Algeria, Argentina, the Bahamas, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zambia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Preparations for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" (A/C.1/35/L.7), which was introduced by the representative of Yugoslavia at the 29th meeting, on 7 November. The draft was subsequently also sponsored by Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, the Congo, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guyana, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Qatar, Somalia, the United Republic of Cameroon, Yemen and Zaire. A statement on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was submitted by the Secretary-General on 25 November (A/C.1/35/L.58).

7. At the 45th meeting, on 26 November, before the First Committee proceeded to take a decision on the draft resolution, the Chairman of the Committee announced that an agreement had been reached in consultations between the regional groups on the number of members of the Preparatory Committee and on the schedule of an organizational session of the Preparatory Committee. Consequently, the two blank spaces in the draft resolution were filled in as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, the words "seventy-eight" were inserted between the words "composed of" and "Member States";

(b) In operative paragraph 5 the words "the end of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly" were inserted after the word "before".

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 8).

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### Preparations for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling section III of its resolution 33/71 H, of 14 December 1978, in which it decided to convene a second special session devoted to disarmament in 1982 and to set up, at its thirty-fifth session, a preparatory committee for the second special session,

Reaffirming the validity of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly 3/ and its conviction that disarmament remains one of the essential objectives of the United Nations,

Expressing its concern over the continuation of the arms race, which aggravates international peace and security and also diverts vast resources urgently needed for economic and social development,

Reiterating its conviction that peace can be secured through the implementation of disarmament measures, particularly of nuclear disarmament, conducive to the realization of the final objective, namely, general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

1. Decides to establish a Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament composed of seventy-eight

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3/ Resolution S-10/2.

Member States appointed by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographic distribution;

2. Requests the Preparatory Committee to prepare a draft agenda for the special session, to examine all relevant questions relating to that session and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session its recommendations thereon, including those with respect to the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Assembly at its tenth special session;

3. Invites all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament not later than 1 April 1981;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the replies of Member States relevant to paragraph 2 above to the Preparatory Committee and to render to it all necessary assistance, including the provision of essential background information, relevant documents and summary records;

5. Requests the Preparatory Committee to meet for a short organizational session of not longer than one week before the end of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly in order, inter alia, to set the dates for its substantive sessions;

6. Further requests the Preparatory Committee to submit its progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled: "Second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament".

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