

3469 (XXX). World Disarmament Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3260 (XXIX) of 9 December 1974,

Noting the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the World Disarmament Conference,³¹

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 3260 (XXIX) in its entirety;

2. *Renews* the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the World Disarmament Conference and requests it to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

3. *Further requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to include in that report an analytical study of the conclusions contained in its report to the thirtieth session,³¹ as well as any observations and recommendations it may deem appropriate relating to its mandate;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "World Disarmament Conference".

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3470 (XXX). Mid-term review of the Disarmament Decade

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the mid-term review of the Disarmament Decade,³² submitted pursuant to its resolution 3261 A (XXIX) of 9 December 1974,

Expressing deep concern at the meagre achievements of the Disarmament Decade in terms of truly effective disarmament and arms limitation agreements, and the detrimental effects on world peace and economy of the continuing unproductive and wasteful arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race,

Reaffirming the purposes and objectives of the Disarmament Decade stipulated in its resolution 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969,

Recalling its resolution 1722 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, in which it recognized that all States have a deep interest in disarmament negotiations,

Bearing in mind the agenda and agreed principles of disarmament negotiations of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament,

Deeply convinced that implementation of the purposes and objectives of the Disarmament Decade in the light of the prevailing improved international climate should be conducive to further measures in the field of disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament,

Mindful that disarmament is among the primary objectives of the United Nations,

1. *Reiterates* the central interest of the United Nations in all disarmament negotiations;

2. *Reaffirms* that disarmament and development foster a climate of international understanding and co-operation;

3. *Deplores* the wastage of resources, which could be used, *inter alia*, to increase assistance for the economic and social development of developing countries, in expenditures on armaments, particularly nuclear armaments;

³¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 28 (A/10028 and Corr.1).

³² A/10294 and Add.1.

4. *Calls upon* Member States and the Secretary-General to intensify their efforts in support of the link between disarmament and development, envisaged in General Assembly resolution 2602 E (XXIV) on the Disarmament Decade, so as to promote disarmament negotiations and to ensure that the human and material resources freed by disarmament are used to promote economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to offer appropriate assistance and information to Member States that may require them in pursuance of the purpose and objectives of the Disarmament Decade;

6. *Invites* the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to review the work done in the implementation of the purposes and objectives of the Disarmament Decade and in this light to reappraise its tasks and duties, as necessary, in order to accelerate the pace of its efforts to negotiate truly effective disarmament and arms limitation agreements;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Effective measures to implement the purposes and objectives of the Disarmament Decade".

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3471 (XXX). Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa

The General Assembly,

Convinced that nuclear-weapon-free zones provide the best and easiest means whereby non-nuclear-weapon States can, by their own initiative and effort, ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons from their territories and enhance their mutual security,

Mindful of the fact that nuclear-weapon-free zones strengthen and promote the régime for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all States to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes,

Recalling its resolutions 1652 (XVI) of 24 November 1961, 2033 (XX) of 3 December 1965 and 3261 E (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, which called upon all States to consider and respect the continent of Africa, including the continental African States, Madagascar and other islands surrounding Africa, as a nuclear-weapon-free zone,

Noting the solemn Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa,³³ adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its first ordinary session, held at Cairo from 17 to 21 July 1964,

Noting also that the aforementioned Declaration was endorsed by the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo from 5 to 10 October 1964,³⁴

1. *Agrees* that implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, will be a significant measure to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the

³³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 105, document A/5975.

³⁴ See A/5763.

world, conducive to general and complete disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament;

2. *Reaffirms* its call upon all States to respect and abide by the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa;

3. *Reaffirms further* its call upon all States to consider and respect the continent of Africa, including the continental African States, Madagascar and other islands surrounding Africa, as a nuclear-weapon-free zone;

4. *Reiterates* its call upon all States to refrain from testing, manufacturing, deploying, transporting, storing, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons on the African continent;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the Organization of African Unity towards the realization of the solemn Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa, in which the African Heads of State and Government announced their readiness to undertake, in an international treaty to be concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, not to manufacture or acquire control of nuclear weapons;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa".

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3472 (XXX). Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3261 F (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, by which it decided to undertake a comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects,

Having considered the special report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament³⁵ containing the comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects,³⁶

Noting the comments made by States members of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament regarding the study,³⁷

Convinced that the study will enhance further efforts concerning nuclear-weapon-free zones,

Recognizing that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones can contribute to the security of members of such zones, to the prevention of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to the goals of general and complete disarmament,

Expressing the wish that the study will be of assistance to States interested in the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones,

1. *Takes note* of the special report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament containing the comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects;

³⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 27A (A/10027/Add.1).*

³⁶ *Ibid.*, annex I.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the *Ad Hoc* Group of Qualified Governmental Experts for the Study of the Question of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones for the preparation of the study;

3. *Conveys its thanks* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and other relevant international organizations for the assistance they have given for the preparation of the study;

4. *Commends* the special report to the attention of all Governments, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other relevant international organizations;

5. *Invites* all Governments, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General before 30 June 1976 such views, observations and suggestions on the special report as they may deem appropriate;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report based on information received under paragraph 5 above and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the reproduction of the special report as a United Nations publication and to give it the widest possible publicity in as many languages as is considered desirable and practicable;

8. *Recommends* that all Governments give a wide distribution to the special report so as to acquaint public opinion with its contents, and invites relevant international organizations to use their facilities to make the special report widely known;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects".

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B

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, the Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members and that, in conformity with the provisions of the Charter, international relations should be governed, among other fundamental principles, by those relating to the prohibition of the threat or use of force and to non-intervention,

Bearing in mind that nuclear-weapon-free zones constitute one of the most effective means for preventing the proliferation, both horizontal and vertical, of nuclear weapons and for contributing to the elimination of the danger of a nuclear holocaust,

Reaffirming the principle defined in its resolution 2028 (XX) of 19 November 1965, which established the necessity that there should be an acceptable balance of mutual responsibilities and obligations of the nuclear-weapon and non-nuclear-weapon States,

Reaffirming also the request made in its resolution 2153 A (XXI) of 17 November 1966 to all nuclear-weapon States to refrain from the use, or the threat of use, of nuclear weapons against States which conclude regional treaties in order to ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories,