

November 1972, by which it entered into obligations similar to those implicit in Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for States parties thereto, and invites the Government of China to try to find procedures that will enable it to accede to the Protocol as soon as possible;

4. *Deplores* that the other two nuclear-weapon States have not yet heeded the urgent appeals which the General Assembly has made in four different resolutions and urges them once again to sign and ratify without further delay Additional Protocol II of the Treaty;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2935 (XXVII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)";

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the nuclear-weapon States and to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session of any measure adopted by them in order to implement it.

2093rd plenary meeting
29 November 1972

2992 (XXVII). Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971 entitled "Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace",

Noting the report of the Secretary-General³² submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of that resolution, in which he was requested to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the progress made with regard to implementation of the Declaration,

Noting further that the consultations envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 of that resolution have not taken place,

Convinced that action in furtherance of the objectives of the Declaration would be a substantial contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security,

Noting that, in the Georgetown Declaration of 12 August 1972, the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries took note with satisfaction of the adoption by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace and agreed that further steps should be taken at the Assembly's twenty-seventh session towards implementation of the Declaration,

1. *Calls upon* the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean, the permanent members of the Security Council and other major maritime users of the Indian Ocean to support the concept that the Indian Ocean should be a zone of peace;

2. *Decides* to establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean, consisting of no more than fifteen members, to study the implications of the proposal, with special reference to the practical measures that

may be taken in furtherance of the objectives of General Assembly resolution 2832 (XXVI), having due regard to the security interests of the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean and the interests of any other State consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

3. *Decides further* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall consist of the following States: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia;³³

4. *Urges* all the States concerned to extend their co-operation to the *Ad Hoc* Committee in the discharge of its functions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace".

2111th plenary meeting
15 December 1972

2993 (XXVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security",

Bearing in mind the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, contained in General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, and also recalling Assembly resolution 2880 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971 on the implementation of that Declaration,

Noting with satisfaction that the development of encouraging trends and the improvement of relations among States in the bilateral, regional and multilateral spheres contribute to the strengthening of international security,

Expressing at the same time deep concern at the persistence of armed conflicts and other situations in different areas of the world which require the urgent attention of the international community in order to strengthen international security,

Recognizing that a co-ordinated approach, in accordance with the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, to the closely connected problems of the strengthening of international security, disarmament and development, including the evolving concept of collective economic security, would be conducive to a more precise identification of areas where progress might be achieved,

Reaffirming that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is an essential element in the strengthening of international security,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,³⁴

1. *Solemnly reaffirms* all the principles and provisions contained in the Declaration on the Strengthening

³² A/8809.

³³ See A/8976.

³⁴ A/8775 and Add.1-4.

of International Security and also its urgent appeal to all States to implement consistently and without any delay the provisions of the Declaration in its entirety;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the present favourable trends in bilateral, regional and multilateral relations, including the creation of zones of peace and co-operation in various areas of the world, will continue and that efforts to that end will be pursued and intensified, thus furthering the strengthening of international security, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Urges* all States to take measures towards the elimination of armed conflicts which threaten international peace and security, of colonialism, racism and alien domination and other situations persisting in different areas of the world which prevent peoples from exercising their right to self-determination and independence, in keeping with the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and in accordance with the Charter;

4. *Reaffirms* that any measure or pressure directed against any State while exercising its sovereign right freely to dispose of its natural resources constitutes a flagrant violation of the principles of self-determination of peoples and non-intervention, as set forth in the Charter, which, if pursued, could constitute a threat to international peace and security;

5. *Believes* that the co-ordinated consideration of related issues, *inter alia*, disarmament, peace-keeping and strengthening of the role of the United Nations, would to a large extent enhance the political and diplomatic effectiveness of the United Nations, including the work of the General Assembly, thus facilitating action towards the strengthening of international security;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

2111th plenary meeting
15 December 1972

3029 (XXVII). Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2467 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2750 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 and 2881 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction on the work of its sessions in 1972,³⁵

Noting with satisfaction the further progress made towards the preparations for a comprehensive international conference of plenipotentiaries on the law of the sea, including in particular acceptance of a list of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea,

Reaffirming that the problems of ocean space are closely interrelated and need to be considered as a whole,

Recalling its decision, in resolution 2750 C (XXV), to convene a conference on the law of the sea in 1973,

Expressing the expectation that the conference may be concluded in 1974 and, if necessary, as may be decided by the conference with the approval of the General Assembly, at a subsequent session or subsequent sessions no later than 1975,

1. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction set forth in General Assembly resolutions 2467 (XXIII) and 2750 (XXV), as supplemented by the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Committee, in the discharge of its mandate in accordance with resolution 2750 C (XXV), to hold two further sessions in 1973, one of five weeks in New York, beginning in early March, and the other of eight weeks at Geneva, beginning in early July, with a view to completing its preparatory work, and to submit a report with recommendations to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session and, in the light of the decision taken under paragraph 5 below, to the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in New York for a period of approximately two weeks in November and December 1973, for the purpose of dealing with organizational matters, including the election of officers, the adoption of the agenda and the rules of procedure of the Conference, the establishment of subsidiary organs and the allocation of work to these organs;

4. *Decides* to convene the second session of the Conference, for the purpose of dealing with substantive work, at Santiago, Chile, for a period of eight weeks in April and May 1974 and such subsequent sessions, if necessary, as may be decided by the Conference and approved by the General Assembly, bearing in mind that the Government of Austria has offered Vienna as a site for the Conference for the succeeding year;

5. *Further decides* to review at its twenty-eighth session the progress of the preparatory work of the Committee and, if necessary, to take measures to facilitate completion of the substantive work for the Conference and any other action it may deem appropriate;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the efficient organization and administration of the Conference and the Committee, utilizing to the fullest extent possible the resources of staff at his disposal, to render to the Conference and the Committee all the assistance they may require in legal, economic, technical and scientific matters and to provide them with all relevant documentation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

7. *Decides* to consider as a matter of priority at its twenty-eighth session any further matters requiring

³⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/7721 and Corr.1).