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Disarmament and International Security

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its 94th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1980, the General Assembly adopted resolution 35/156 J entitled "Disarmament and international security", the operative part of which reads as follows:

The General Assembly,

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"1. Reaffirms its resolution 34/83 A of 11 December 1979 on disarmament and international security;

"2. Calls upon all States to proceed in a positive spirit towards measures under the Charter of the United Nations for a system of international security and order concurrently with efforts at effective disarmament measures;

"3. Recommends that the main organs of the United Nations responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security should give early consideration to the requirements for halting the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, and developing the modalities for the effective application of the system of international security provided for in the Charter;

"4. Requests the permanent members of the Security Council to facilitate the work of the Council towards carrying out this essential responsibility under the Charter;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session."

2. The Secretary-General, in the light of General Assembly resolution 35/156 J, has seized every opportunity to reiterate the need for halting the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, and developing the modalities for the effective application of the system of international security provided for in the Charter.

3. At its thirty-sixth session, the General Assembly will have before it a number of reports pertinent to the subject-matter of resolution 35/156 J. They include the report of the Security Council 1/ called for in paragraph 3 of Article 24 of the Charter of the United Nations, the report of the Disarmament Commission 2/ and the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament. 3/ As regards disarmament matters, the General Assembly will also have before it the report of the Committee on Disarmament, 4/ which this negotiating body submits to it pursuant to an agreement stated in paragraph 120 (f) of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly (resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978). In addition, the Secretary-General has submitted to the General Assembly a report on the work of the Organization 5/ and has notified it, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 12 of the Charter, of matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security which are being dealt with by the Security Council as well as the matters of which the Council remains seized (A/36/503).

4. The Secretary-General, pursuant to paragraph 97 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly and paragraph 2 of resolution 33/91 I of 16 December 1978 has been carrying out, with the assistance of a group of experts, a comprehensive study on the interrelationship between disarmament and international security. The study will be submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session under the symbol A/36/597.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/36/2).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 42 (A/36/42).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 49 (A/36/49).

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 27 (A/36/27).

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 1 (A/36/1).