



General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
18 October 2002

Original: English

Fifty-seventh session

First Committee

Agenda item 66

General and complete disarmament

Afghanistan, Bhutan, Fiji, Georgia, India, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Tuvalu: revised draft resolution

Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the determination of the international community to combat terrorism, as evident in relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions,

Deeply concerned by the growing risk of linkages between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, and in particular by the fact that terrorists may seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction,

Acknowledging the consideration of issues relating to terrorism and weapons of mass destruction by the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters,¹

Taking note of resolution GC(46)/RES/13, adopted by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its forty-sixth regular session,² and the setting up of an Advisory Group on Nuclear Security in the IAEA to advise the Director General on the Agency's activities relating to nuclear security,

Taking note of the report of the Policy Working Group on the United Nations and Terrorism,³

Mindful of the urgent need for addressing this threat to humanity within the United Nations framework and through international cooperation,

¹ See A/57/335.

² See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Resolutions and Other Decision of the General Conference, Forty-sixth regular session*, 16-20 September 2002 (GC (46) RES/DEC (2002)).

³ A/57/273.

Emphasizing that progress is urgently needed in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation in order to help maintain international peace and security and to contribute to global efforts against terrorism,

1. *Calls upon* all Member States to support international efforts to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;

2. *Urges* all Member States to undertake and strengthen national measures, as appropriate, to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery and materials and technologies related to their manufacture, and invites them to inform the Secretary-General, on a voluntary basis, of the measures taken in this regard;

3. *Encourages* cooperation among and between Member States and relevant regional and international organizations for strengthening national capacities in this regard;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to compile a report on measures already taken by international organizations on issues relating to the linkage between the fight against terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to seek the views of Member States on additional relevant measures for tackling the global threat posed by terrorists acquiring weapons of mass destruction, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session, the item entitled "Measures to prevent terrorist from acquiring weapons of mass destruction".
