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VERIFICATION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and Tanzania:
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Verification within the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, since the process of disarmament affects the vital security interests of all States, they must all be actively concerned with and contribute to the measures of disarmament and arms limitation,

Reaffirming its conviction that the role and responsibility of the United Nations in the sphere of disarmament, in accordance with its Charter, must be strengthened,

Noting that the critical importance of verification of and compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements is universally recognized,

Stressing that the United Nations, in accordance with its central role and primary responsibility in the sphere of disarmament, has an important role to play in the context of verification of compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements,

Recalling the agreement of the United Nations Disarmament Commission in 1987 ^{1/} that the United Nations should examine the possibility of compiling and managing a verification data base,

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/42/42), para. 46, report of Working Group IV, para. 11.

1. Endorses the principle of a multilateral verification system within the United Nations as an integral part of a strengthened multilateral framework required to ensure peace and security during the process of disarmament and in a nuclear-free world;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts, an in-depth study of the role of the United Nations in the field of verification of arms limitation and disarmament agreements, including preparations for an outline of a multilateral verification system within the United Nations, and in the course of this work:

(a) To identify and review existing activities of the United Nations in the field of verification of arms limitation and disarmament;

(b) To assess the need for improvements of existing activities as well as to explore and identify possible additional activities, taking into account organizational, technical, operational, legal and financial aspects; and

(c) To provide specific recommendations for future action by the United Nations in this context, including those related to the implementation of the principle of a multilateral verification system;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the subject to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session in 1990;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Verification in all its aspects".
