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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION:
REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist
Republic, Cameroon, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark,
Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Jordan, Romania,
Sri Lanka, Sweden, Togo and Uruguay: draft resolution

Report of the Disarmament Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the special and annual reports of the Disarmament
Commission, 1/

Emphasizing again the importance of an effective follow-up to the relevant
recommendations and decisions contained in the Final Document of the Tenth Special
Session of the General Assembly, 2/ the first special session devoted to
disarmament,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session,
Supplement No. 3 (A/S-15/3), and ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 42
43/42).

2/ Resolution S-10/2.

Taking into account the relevant sections of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, 3/ the second special session devoted to disarmament.

Also taking into account widespread views expressed during the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly, the third special session devoted to disarmament,

Considering the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in the promotion of the implementation of the relevant decisions of the tenth special session,

Recalling its resolutions 33/71 H of 14 December 1978, 34/83 H of 11 December 1979, 35/152 F of 12 December 1980, 36/92 B of 9 December 1981, 37/78 H of 9 December 1982, 38/183 E of 20 December 1983, 39/148 R of 17 December 1984, 40/152 F of 16 December 1985, 41/86 E of 4 December 1986 and 42/42 G of 30 November 1987,

1. Takes note of the special and annual reports of the Disarmament Commission; 1/

2. Commends the Disarmament Commission for its adoption by consensus of a set of principles of verification on disarmament issues as well as a set of guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures and for the implementation of such measures on a global or regional level, which were recommended to the General Assembly for consideration; 4/

3. Notes that the Disarmament Commission has yet to conclude its consideration of some items on its agenda, but notes also with appreciation the progress achieved on some of these;

4. Recalls the role of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative body within the United Nations multilateral disarmament machinery that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues and facilitating the work of the Conference on Disarmament in its negotiations on specific subjects;

5. Stresses the importance for the Disarmament Commission to work on the basis of a relevant agenda of disarmament topics, thereby enabling the Commission to concentrate its efforts and thus optimize its progress on specific subjects in accordance with resolution 37/78 H;

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9-13, document A/S-12/32.

4/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/S-15/3), paras. 41 and 60.

6. Requests the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, and with paragraph 3 of resolution 37/78 H, and to that end to make every effort to achieve specific recommendations, at its 1989 substantive session, on the outstanding items on its agenda, taking into account the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly as well as the results of its 1988 substantive session;

7. Also requests the Disarmament Commission to meet for a period not exceeding four weeks during 1989 and to submit a substantive report, containing specific recommendations on the items included in its agenda, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Disarmament Commission the special and annual reports of the Conference on Disarmament, 5/ together with all the official records of the fifteenth special session and the forty-third session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present resolution;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages, and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the necessary resources and services to this end;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission".

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/S-15/2), and ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/43/27).