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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS  
FIFTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Hungary, India,  
Poland, Sri Lanka and Venezuela: draft resolution

Scientific and technological developments and their impact  
on international security

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, at its tenth special session, the first special session devoted to disarmament, it unanimously stressed the importance of both qualitative and quantitative measures in the process of disarmament,

Observing that at no stage since the first special session devoted to disarmament has the qualitative aspect of the arms race been seriously addressed by the international community,

Noting with concern the existing potential in technological advances for application to military purposes thus escalating the level and sophistication of armaments,

Recognizing that such a development will have a negative impact on the security environment while causing a major setback to disarmament efforts,

Stressing, in this context, the importance of effectively addressing this problem and ensuring that scientific and technological developments are not exploited for military purposes but harnessed for the common benefit of mankind,

Emphasizing that the proposal contained in the present resolution is without prejudice to research and development efforts being undertaken for peaceful purposes,

Recognizing the interests of the international community in the subject and the need to follow closely such developments,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a panel of qualified experts and to entrust them with the task of following scientific and technological developments, especially those which have potential military applications, to evaluate their impact on international security, and to submit a preliminary report to the Secretary-General within a period of two years, with such subsequent reports as may be necessary;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to disseminate the reports made by the panel on a wide basis, in particular through reports to the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Conference on Disarmament;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to extend the necessary assistance;

4. Invites Member States to establish similar panels at the national level to monitor and evaluate such developments, to inform the Secretary-General and to disseminate the assessments provided by the Secretary-General's panel;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session an item entitled "Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security".

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