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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION:
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND ITS
EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY

Bangladesh, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Mali, Mexico,
Nigeria, Romania, Sweden, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics, Uruguay, Yugoslavia and Zaire: draft resolution

Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and
its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security",

Recalling its resolutions 2667 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2831 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, 3075 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 32/75 of 12 December 1977, 35/141 of 12 December 1980, 40/150 of 16 December 1985 and 41/86 I of 4 December 1986,

Deeply concerned that the arms race, particularly in nuclear armaments and military expenditures, continues to increase at an alarming speed, representing a heavy burden for the economies of all States and constituting a grave danger for world peace and security,

Recalling also the numerous statements made by the representatives of Governments during the disarmament negotiations and particularly at the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly, the third special session devoted to disarmament, to the effect that the vastly increased military budgets have also contributed to current economic problems in certain States and that existing and planned military programmes constitute a huge waste of precious resources which might otherwise be used to elevate living standards of all peoples and solve the problems confronting developing countries in achieving economic and social development,

Reaffirming the need for all Governments and peoples to be informed about and to understand the situation prevailing in the field of the arms race and disarmament,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign, 1/ solemnly launched at the twelfth special session, which is intended to promote public interest in, and support for, the reaching of agreements on measures of arms limitation and disarmament,

Recalling further paragraph 93 (c) of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament, 2/ in which it is provided that the Secretary-General shall periodically submit reports to the Assembly on the economic and social consequences of the arms race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security,

Considering that the elaboration of such reports should be viewed as a measure aimed at building confidence among States,

1. Welcomes with satisfaction the updated report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the arms race and military expenditures; 3/

2. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General and the consultant experts as well as to the Governments and international organizations that have rendered assistance in the updating of the report;

3. Recommends that the updated report be brought to the attention of public opinion and also taken into account in future actions by the United Nations in the field of disarmament;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the reproduction of the report as a United Nations publication and to give it broad publicity in the framework of the World Disarmament Campaign;

5. Recommends that all Governments ensure the widest possible distribution of the report, including its translation into the respective national languages;

6. Invites the specialized agencies as well as intergovernmental, national and non-governmental organizations to use their facilities to make the report widely known;

7. Reaffirms its decision to keep the item entitled "Economic and social consequences of the arms race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security" under constant review, and decides to include it in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session.

1/ See A/S-12/32, annex V.

2/ Resolution S-10/7.

3/ A/43/368.