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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: OBJECTIVE INFORMATION ON
MILITARY MATTERS

Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic,
Hungary, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 105 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ the first special session devoted to disarmament, which encourages Member States to ensure a better flow of information with regard to the various aspects of disarmament to avoid dissemination of false and tendentious information concerning armaments, and to concentrate on the danger of escalation of the armaments race and on the need for general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

Taking into account the exchange of views on openness in the military field at the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly, the third special session devoted to disarmament,

Noting with satisfaction that the beginning of genuine nuclear disarmament as a result of the conclusion of the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles has led to greater openness in the military field,

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

Believing that the adoption of measures designed to build confidence and increase openness could help to prevent misconceptions about military capabilities and intentions which could prompt States to undertake armaments programmes leading to the acceleration of the arms race, in particular the nuclear-arms race, and to heightened international tension,

Believing that objective information on all military matters, in particular those involving nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, could contribute to the building of confidence among States and to the conclusion of concrete disarmament agreements, and thereby help to halt and reverse the arms race,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question, submitted to the third special session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament; 2/

2. Reiterates its firm conviction that a better flow of objective information on all military matters could help to ease international tension and confidence among States on a global, regional or subregional level and facilitate the conclusion of concrete disarmament agreements;

3. Calls upon all States, in particular nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, to implement further measures based on the principles of openness and transparency which will facilitate the provision of objective information on, and the objective assessment of, military capabilities and contribute to the disarmament process;

4. Requests all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 1989, their views concerning ways and means of building confidence and increasing openness in military matters for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

5. Further requests all Member States also to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on ways and means of further consolidating the emerging trend towards greater openness in military matters, specifically with regard to the provision of objective information on military matters for consideration by the Disarmament Commission at its session in 1990;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the forty-fourth session the item entitled "Objective information on military matters".
