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REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE
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DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Sri Lanka,
Sweden, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

World Disarmament Campaign

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in paragraph 15 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ the first special session devoted to disarmament, it declared that it was essential that not only Governments but also the peoples of the world recognize and understand the dangers in the present situation and stressed the importance of mobilizing world public opinion on behalf of disarmament,

Recalling also its resolution 42/39 G of 30 November 1987,

Having examined the reports of the Secretary-General of 19 May 1988 2/ and 4 October 1988 3/ on the implementation of the programme of activities of the World Disarmament Campaign by the United Nations system,

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

2/ A/S-15/9.

3/ A/43/642.

Having also examined the part of the report of the Secretary-General of 10 October 1988, dealing with the activities of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies, relating to the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign, 4/ as well as the Final Act of the Sixth United Nations Pledging Conference for the Campaign, 5/ held on 27 October 1988,

1. Reiterates its commendation of the manner in which, as described in the above-mentioned report, the Campaign has been geared by the Secretary-General in order to guarantee "the widest possible dissemination of information and unimpeded access for all sectors of the public to a broad range of information and opinions on questions of arms limitation and disarmament and the dangers relating to all aspects of the arms race and war, in particular nuclear war"; 6/

2. Recalls that, as was also agreed by consensus in the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, the second special session devoted to disarmament, it is likewise an essential requisite for the universality of the Campaign that it receive "the co-operation and participation of all States"; 6/

3. Endorses once more the statement made by the Secretary-General on the occasion of the Third United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Disarmament Campaign 7/ to the effect that such co-operation implies that adequate funds be made available and that consequently the criterion of universality also applies to pledges, since a campaign without world-wide participation and funding will have difficulty in reflecting this principle in its implementation;

4. Reiterates its regret that most of the States which have the largest military expenditures have not so far made any financial contribution to the World Disarmament Campaign;

5. Decides that at its forty-fourth session there should be a seventh United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Disarmament Campaign, and expresses the hope that on that occasion all those Member States that have not yet announced any voluntary contribution may do so;

6. Reiterates its recommendation that the voluntary contributions made by Member States to the World Disarmament Campaign Voluntary Trust Fund should not be earmarked for specific activities inasmuch as it is most desirable that the

4/ A/43/685, sect. II.D.

5/ A/CONF.146/1.

6/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9-13, document A/S-12, annex, para. 4.

7/ See A/CONF.131/SR.1.

Secretary-General enjoy full freedom to take the decisions he deems fit within the framework of the Campaign previously approved by the General Assembly and in exercise of the powers vested in him in connection with the Campaign;

7. Notes with appreciation that the Secretary-General has given permanent character to his instructions to the United Nations information centres and regional commissions to give wide publicity to the World Disarmament Campaign and, whenever necessary, to adapt, as far as possible, United Nations information materials to local languages;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session a report covering both the implementation of the programme of activities of the World Disarmament Campaign by the United Nations system during 1989 and the programme of activities contemplated by the system for 1990;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "World Disarmament Campaign".
