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Australia, Austria, German Democratic Republic, India, Ireland,
Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sweden,
Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Comprehensive United Nations study on nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the central role and primary responsibility, in accordance with the Charter, of the United Nations in the sphere of disarmament,

Recognizing that nuclear disarmament and arms limitation remain a priority objective and represent a central task of the international community,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Comprehensive study on nuclear weapons", which was submitted to the General Assembly in 1980, 1/

Recognizing that since then many important developments have taken place in the area of nuclear arms, including the continued qualitative improvement and development of nuclear-weapon systems,

Noting the importance attached by the international community to the complete cessation of nuclear testing within the framework of an effective disarmament process,

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Noting further the full-scale stage-by-stage talks on nuclear testing between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America,

Bearing in mind the critical importance of an early and significant reduction of nuclear arms and recent progress in this field,

Noting the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "Study on the climatic and other global effects of nuclear war", 2/ "Concepts of security" and "Study on deterrence",

Convinced that a comprehensive United Nations study on new developments concerning different aspects of nuclear weapons would make a valuable contribution to the dissemination of factual information and to international understanding of the issues involved,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts and taking into account recent relevant studies, a comprehensive update of the study on nuclear weapons that provides factual and up-to-date information on and pays regard to the political, legal and security aspects of:

- (a) Nuclear arsenals and pertinent technological developments;
- (b) Doctrines concerning nuclear weapons;
- (c) Efforts to reduce nuclear weapons;
- (d) Physical, environmental, medical and other effects of use of nuclear weapons and of nuclear testing;
- (e) Efforts to achieve a comprehensive nuclear test ban;
- (f) Efforts to prevent the use of nuclear weapons and their horizontal and vertical proliferation;
- (g) The question of verification of compliance with nuclear-arms limitation agreements;

2. Recommends that the study, while aiming at being as comprehensive as possible, should be based on open material and such further information that Member States may wish to make available for the purpose of the study;

3. Invites all Governments to co-operate with the Secretary-General so that the objectives of the study may be achieved;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the final report to the General Assembly well in advance of its forty-fifth session.
