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PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS

Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Byelorussian
Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic
Yemen, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Lao
People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Mozambique, Poland,
Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist
Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Viet Nam:
revised draft resolution

Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of
weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons,

Recalling paragraph 77 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ in which it is stated that, in order to help prevent a qualitative arms race and so that scientific and technological achievements might ultimately be used solely for peaceful purposes, effective measures should be taken to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons of mass destruction based on new scientific principles and achievements, and that efforts aiming at the prohibition of such new types and new systems of weapons of mass destruction should be appropriately pursued,

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

Determined to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons of mass destruction that have characteristics comparable in destructive effect to those of weapons of mass destruction identified in the definition of weapons of mass destruction adopted by the United Nations in 1948, 2/

Noting that in the course of its 1988 session the Conference on Disarmament considered the item entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons",

Taking into account the section of the report of the Conference on Disarmament relating to this question, 3/

1. Reaffirms that effective measures should be undertaken to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons of mass destruction;
2. Requests the Conference on Disarmament, in the light of its existing priorities, to keep under review, with expert assistance, as appropriate, the questions of the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons with a view to making, when necessary, recommendations on undertaking specific negotiations on the identified types of such weapons;
3. Calls upon all States, immediately following the recommendation of the Conference on Disarmament, to give favourable consideration to these recommendations;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference on Disarmament all documents relating to the consideration of this item by the General Assembly at its forty-third session;
5. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to submit a report on results achieved to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-fourth session;
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament".

2/ The definition was adopted by the Commission for Conventional Armaments (see S/C.3/32/Rev.1).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/43/27), sect. III.G.