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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: DUMPING OF NUCLEAR AND
INDUSTRIAL WASTES IN AFRICA

Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Romania, Sri Lanka,
Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand: revised draft resolution

Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes for
hostile purposes

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind resolution CM/Res.1153 (XLVIII) concerning the dumping of radioactive and industrial wastes in Africa, adopted on 25 May 1988 by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its forty-eighth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 19 to 23 May 1988, 1/

Recalling resolution GC(XXXII)/Res.490 on the dumping of nuclear wastes, adopted by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its thirty-second regular session,

Considering its resolution 2602 C (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, in which it requested the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, inter alia, to consider effective methods of control against the use of radiological methods of warfare,

Determined to prevent all nuclear-waste dumping practices which would infringe upon the sovereignty of States,

1/ See A/43/398, annex I.

Desirous of promoting the implementation of paragraph 76 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 2/ the first special session devoted to disarmament,

Aware of the in-depth consideration of the question of the dumping of radioactive wastes for hostile purposes in the Conference on Disarmament during its 1988 session, 3/

1. Calls upon all States to ensure that no nuclear-waste dumping practices occur which would infringe upon the sovereignty of States;
2. Welcomes the decision of the International Atomic Energy Agency to establish a representative technical working group of experts with the objective of establishing an internationally agreed code of practice for international transactions involving nuclear wastes;
3. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to take into account, in the ongoing negotiation for a convention on the prohibition of radiological weapons, the deliberate employment of nuclear wastes to cause destruction, damage or injury by means of radiation produced by the decay of such material;
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 include in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session the developments on the ongoing negotiations on this subject.

2/ Resolution S-10/2.

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