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advisory services programme

Report of the Secretary-General

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, at its forty-second session, adopted resolution 42/39 I of 30 November 1987, entitled "United Nations programme of fellowships on disarmament". The operative paragraphs of that resolution read in part as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Reaffirms its decisions contained in annex IV to the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly and the report of the Secretary-General <sup>1/</sup> approved by resolution 33/71 E of 14 December 1978;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the United Nations programme of fellowships on disarmament, including the advisory services and training programmes, within existing resources;

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"5. Decides to rename the three programmes consolidated pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 40/151 H 'the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme';

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on his assessment of the operations of the programme.

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"1/ A/33/305".

2. The present report is submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of the resolution.

## II. ORGANIZATION OF THE DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME

3. The relevant information relating to the organization, including the guidelines and method of work, of the disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme can be found in (a) the report of the Secretary-General to the thirty-third session (A/33/305), approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/71 E of 14 December 1978; (b) the report of the Secretary-General to the fortieth session (A/40/816), paragraphs 3-5, 8-11 and 27; (c) resolution 40/151 H of 15 December 1985; and (d) resolution 42/39 I of 30 November 1987. In its resolution 42/39 I, the Assembly also decided to rename the three programmes, consolidated pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 40/151 H, "the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme". The programme, which is attached to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, was transferred to Geneva at the Palais des Nations as at May 1988.

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### III. 1988 DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

#### A. General

4. The 1988 programme started at Geneva at the Palais des Nations on 15 July 1988 and will end in New York at United Nations Headquarters on 23 November 1988.

#### B. Selection of 1988 disarmament fellows

5. Twenty-five disarmament fellows were selected in 1988 by the Secretary-General with the assistance of a selection panel, which met in June 1988.

6. The names and nationalities of the 25 disarmament fellows who were selected are as follows:

1.	Mr. Martin GOMEZ BUSTILLO	Argentina
2.	Lt.-Col. Hermann LOIDOLT	Austria
3.	Ms. Marcia DONNER ABREU	Brazil
4.	Mr. Krassimir I. STANKOV	Bulgaria
5.	Mr. Thant KYAW	Burma
6.	Mr. Shan HUA	China
7.	Mr. Stefan FULE	Czechoslovakia
8.	Mr. Khaled W. SARWAT	Egypt
9.	Mr. Stefan SCHNEIDER	Germany, Federal Republic of
10.	Mr. Mohamed M. OULD EL GHAOUTH	Mauritania
11.	Mr. James J. HENNESSY	Ireland
12.	Mrs. Rosemary W. NDEGWA	Kenya
13.	Mr. Rida M. EL FASSI	Morocco
14.	Mr. Simoes K. SITHOLA	Mozambique
15.	Mr. Yug Nath Sharma PAUDEL	Nepal
16.	Mr. Ali ILLIASSOU	Niger
17.	Mr. M. A. Mateen KHAN	Pakistan
18.	Mr. Manuel E. LOYOLA SOTIL	Peru
19.	Mr. Witold KARP	Poland
20.	Mr. Cesar COLY	Senegal
21.	Miss Pamela JAYASEKERA	Sri Lanka
22.	Miss Dusadee SANGUANSOOK	Thailand
23.	Mr. Edward KAMURASI KAPIRIISA	Uganda
24.	Mr. Carlos PESTANA	Venezuela
25.	Mr. Ali AL GHAFARI	Yemen

#### C. Geneva part of the programme

7. The opening session of the programme at Geneva was addressed by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and representatives of Nigeria, Sweden, Hungary, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of

America. In the course of the programme, 24 ambassadors to the Conference on Disarmament and several other experts on disarmament gave lectures to the fellows. Lectures were also given by senior staff from the Department for Disarmament Affairs, including the Senior Co-ordinator of the programme. The Senior Co-ordinator also acted as the chairman/moderator of the various lectures and discussions.

8. The Geneva programme, which covered practically every aspect of disarmament and security, included lectures on disarmament issues, both in their historical context and as the subject of current deliberations and negotiations, and seminars covering selected issues, as well as following the deliberations of the Conference on Disarmament. The relevant information on some of the specific disarmament topics covered can be found in the report of the Secretary-General to the forty-second session (A/42/693, para. 9).

#### D. Study visit to the International Atomic Energy Agency at Vienna

9. The fellows visited the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at Vienna and attended briefings or lectures on the following topics: IAEA - what it is and its history; IAEA in the United Nations system; legal basis for international safeguards, including mechanisms for international co-operation; the IAEA nuclear safety programme; the IAEA Inspectorate; the nuclear energy situation; visit to the IAEA Seibersdorf Laboratory; screening of the film For the benefit of humanity; the application of radiation and isotopes in agriculture; and the application of radiation and isotopes in medicine. The opening session of the study visit to IAEA was addressed by the Director-General of IAEA.

#### E. Study visits at the invitation of Governments of States Members of the United Nations

##### 1. General

10. This year, the Department for Disarmament Affairs received letters from six Member States (Hungary, Germany, Federal Republic of, Japan, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America) inviting participants in the 1988 programme to visit their countries in order to study their policies and activities in the field of arms limitation and disarmament. Following receipt of letters of invitation, the Senior Co-ordinator of the programme prepared, in consultation with the six inviting Governments, programmes of studies for the visits of the fellows to the six countries. The opportunities offered were deemed to contribute to the fulfilment of the overall objectives of the programme and were accepted on that basis. The questions covered during the study visits are the subject of current deliberations and negotiations at the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament. These visits, organized in a generous and efficient manner by the host Governments, provided the fellows with additional sources of information as well as practical knowledge.

## 2. Countries visited

11. In the various countries extending an invitation, the fellows visited the following places and institutions: (a) Germany, Federal Republic of - the Federal Foreign Office, the German Society for Foreign Policy, the Federal Armed Forces NBC Defence Science Agency at Münster, the incineration plant and the explosive ordinance disposal facilities in Münster; (b) Hungary - the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Peace Council, and the Paks Atomic Energy Station; (c) Japan - the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hiroshima (especially the showing of the film Hiroshima - A Document of Atomic Bombing, the meeting with scholars and atomic bomb survivors, the Peace Memorial Museum and the Atomic Bomb Hospital) and Nagasaki (especially the showing of a film on the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, meeting with atomic bomb survivors and medical doctors, the Atomic Bomb Museum and the Megumi-no-oka (Hill of Grace) Atomic Bomb Victims Nursing Home); (d) Sweden - the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Defence Research Institute (FOA), the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the FOA Section for Radiation Detection at Urvik, and FOA Division for Seismological Detection at Stockholm; (e) Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Institute of the United States of America and Canada of the USSR Academy of Sciences, the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, the Institute of Oriental Studies, the Institute of European Studies, the United Nations Association of the USSR and the Byelorussian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; (f) United States of America - before the end of the 1988 programme, the fellows will visit the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the State Department, the National Security Council, the Department of Defense, the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Brookings Institute.

## F. New York part of the programme

12. This part of the programme is taking place during the forty-third session of the General Assembly and will end by 23 November 1988.

13. The New York programme of lectures and seminars includes discussion of the following topics: all the agenda items allocated to the First Committee of the General Assembly; procedures and practices of the General Assembly; disarmament and development; the World Disarmament Campaign; the results of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament; evaluation of selected draft resolutions on disarmament and security submitted to the General Assembly; simulation exercises; the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security; and United Nations peace-keeping operations.

## G. Research projects and papers

14. Research work is an essential and integral part of the programme of studies. The fellows prepared and submitted 25 written papers of 15 to 20 pages each on a variety of disarmament and security matters. Later, discussions were held with the fellows on the papers prepared by them. In addition to the research papers, the fellows made oral presentations on a wide range of disarmament subjects.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL DISARMAMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME:  
INFORMATION NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (in accordance with  
paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 42/39 I)

A. Modalities for implementation of regional disarmament training

15. The modalities for the regional disarmament training programme as contained in document A/41/720 make clear that it should be organised annually in each region, on a rotation basis, for up to 15 government officials for a period not to exceed one week, taking into account that the Governments concerned would be expected to make contributions towards the costs.

16. In this connection, in addition to the limited resources provided by the General Assembly, a Government in the region concerned will be expected to act as host when the regional disarmament training takes place in that particular region.

17. Other interested Governments could make contributions as appropriate towards the costs of the annual regional disarmament training.

B. Objectives of the regional disarmament training programme

18. The main objective of the training programme is to provide assistance to the Governments of the regions concerned, through the organization of training courses at the regional or subregional level, in co-operation with the Governments and intergovernmental organizations concerned, for the benefit of government officials, whose duties involve the implementation of arms limitation and disarmament measures, as well as to promote a better understanding and awareness in the region of the international and regional machinery for the promotion of disarmament efforts and regional security.

C. Course programme

19. The course programme will include the following subjects, amongst others:

(a) Role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and multilateral systems for the promotion of disarmament;

(b) Existing major treaties in the field of disarmament (e.g. Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, etc.);

(c) Nuclear disarmament (multilateral/bilateral negotiations);

(d) Verification of disarmament agreements;

(e) Conventional weapons and regional approaches to conventional disarmament;

(f) Disarmament and development, economic and social consequences of the arms race, arms transfers, arms production, including an area case-study;

(g) The role of public opinion in support of disarmament efforts.

V. IMPLEMENTATION OF DISARMAMENT ADVISORY SERVICES: INFORMATION NOTE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (in accordance with paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 42/39 I)

A. Objectives of disarmament advisory services

20. Disarmament advisory services are geared towards the furtherance of international co-operation through assistance to Member States, especially the developing countries, in order to strengthen their capacity to participate in and contribute to disarmament efforts.

21. More specifically, disarmament advisory services will focus on the provision of practical assistance to those States or groups of States which wish, for example, to elaborate either bilateral or regional agreements in the area of disarmament or confidence-building.

B. Policies relating to the provision of disarmament advisory services

22. The Secretary-General will provide disarmament advisory services in accordance with the policies established by the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of its resolution 40/151 H.

C. Responsibility of Governments and intergovernmental organizations

1. Requesting Governments and intergovernmental organizations

23. The responsibility of the requesting Governments and intergovernmental organizations shall be governed by the principles contained in paragraphs 33 and 34 of A/41/720.

2. Other interested Governments

24. Other interested Governments could make contributions as appropriate towards the cost of carrying out requests for disarmament advisory services.

VI. CONCLUDING REMARKS

25. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the United Nations disarmament fellowship programme. The programme has, in the 10 years since its launching by



the General Assembly at the first special session devoted to disarmament, made a significant and useful contribution to the development of greater expertise in disarmament and security issues. As shown in the present report, the General Assembly has expanded the activities of the programme considerably and renamed it the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme. Consequently, the existing resources allocated to the programme by the twelfth special session of the Assembly will be required for its implementation.

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