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CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

VERIFICATION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

Programme budget implications of the draft resolutions recommended
by the First Committee in its reports (A/43/833, para. 10;
A/43/855, para. 14, draft resolution A; A/43/856, para. 71, draft
resolutions I and N; A/43/858, para. 11, draft resolution A;
and A/43/894, para. 14, draft resolution B)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mrs. Flor Acconciamezza de RODRIGUEZ (Venezuela)

1. At its 41st meeting, on 5 December 1988, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statements submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/43/38, A/C.5/43/46 and Add.1, A/C.5/43/49, A/C.5/43/48, A/C.5/43/47 and A/C.5/43/39) on the programme budget implications of the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee under agenda item 54, draft resolution entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" (A/43/833, para. 10); agenda item 63 (Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons), draft resolution entitled

"Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention" (A/43/855, para. 14, draft resolution A); agenda item 64 (General and complete disarmament), draft resolution entitled "International arms transfers" (A/43/856, para. 71, draft resolution I); agenda item 64 (a) (General and complete disarmament: Nuclear disarmament), draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive United Nations study on nuclear weapons" (A/43/856, para. 71, draft resolution N); agenda item 66 (Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifteenth special session), draft resolution entitled "Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security" (A/43/858, para. 11, draft resolution A); and agenda item 139 (Verification in all its aspects), draft resolution entitled "Study on the role of the United Nations in the field of verification" (A/43/894, para. 14, draft resolution B). The Fifth Committee had before it the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/43/7/Add.9).

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of these items are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/43/SR.41).

DECISIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

A. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/43/833), the Secretary-General would cover the additional costs from extrabudgetary resources and therefore no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

B. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons

4. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A, entitled "Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention", recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/43/855), an additional appropriation of \$60,500 would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. Furthermore, the proposed reconvening of the group of qualified experts at Geneva would constitute an exception to paragraph 4 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985.

C. General and complete disarmament

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution I, entitled "International arms

transfers", recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 71 of its report (A/43/856), no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

D. General and complete disarmament: Nuclear disarmament

6. The Fifth Committee decided, by a recorded vote of 98 to 3, with 4 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution N, entitled "Comprehensive United Nations study on nuclear weapons", recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 71 of its report (A/43/856), an additional appropriation of \$122,800 would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

7. The voting was as follows: 1/

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belgium, Germany, Federal Republic of, Netherlands, Portugal.

1/ The representative of France explained after the voting that his delegation had intended to abstain rather than to vote in favour. Subsequently, the representatives of Kuwait and Somalia indicated that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour.

E. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifteenth special session

8. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A, entitled "Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security", recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/43/858), the additional costs involved would be covered from extrabudgetary resources and therefore no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

F. Verification in all its aspects

9. The Fifth Committee decided, by a recorded vote of 97 to 1, with 1 abstention, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution B, entitled "Study on the role of the United Nations in the field of verification", recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/43/894), an additional appropriation of \$147,300 would be required under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989.

10. The voting was as follows: 2/

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2/ Subsequently, the representatives of Chile, Colombia, Kuwait, Morocco, Romania, Somalia, Swaziland and Tunisia indicated that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

11. Statements in explanation of position and vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
