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STRENGTHENING OF GUARANTEES OF THE SECURITY
OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES

Afghanistan, Angola, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Viet Nam: draft resolution

Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of guarantees of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States

The General Assembly,

Convinced of the need to take effective measures for the strengthening of the security of States and prompted by the desire shared by all nations to eliminate war and prevent a nuclear holocaust,

Taking into account the principle of the non-use of force or threat of force enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirmed in a number of United Nations declarations and resolutions,

Noting with satisfaction the desire of States in various regions to prevent nuclear weapons from being introduced into their territories, including through the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones, on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, and being anxious to contribute to this objective,

Considering that, until nuclear disarmament is achieved on universal basis, it is imperative for the international community to develop, as appropriate, effective measures to ensure the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons from any quarter,

Recognizing that effective measures to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons can constitute a positive contribution to the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons,

Mindful of the statements and observations made by various States on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States,

Desirous of promoting the implementation of paragraph 59 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly (S-10/2), in which it urged the nuclear-weapon-States "to pursue efforts to conclude, as appropriate, effective arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons",

Recalling its resolution 33/72 A of 14 December 1978,

Welcoming the in-depth consideration of the item on "effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" by the Committee on Disarmament and the establishment of an ad hoc Working Group open to all Member States of the Committee to conduct negotiations on the subject,

Noting with satisfaction that, pursuant to this item, drafts of an international convention were submitted to the Committee on Disarmament,

Further noting the report of the Committee on Disarmament (A/34/27) including the report of the ad hoc Working Group in its Appendix I,

Noting with satisfaction that the idea of such a convention has gained a broad international support,

Desirous of promoting an early and successful completion of the negotiations on the elaboration of the convention,

1. Welcomes the conclusion of the Committee on Disarmament that it is urgent to reach agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

2. Notes with satisfaction that in the Committee on Disarmament there was no objection, in principle, to the idea of such an international convention;

3. Commends the decision of the Committee on Disarmament to continue the negotiations on this subject at the beginning of its 1980 session;

4. Requests the Committee on Disarmament to continue the negotiations on this subject on a priority basis during its 1980 session with a view to their early conclusion with the elaboration of a convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons".
