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ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

MONITORING OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS AND STRENGTHENING
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Uganda, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia and Zaire: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/71 J of 14 December 1978, in which it requested the Secretary-General to undertake, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts, a study on the technical, legal and financial implications of establishing an international satellite monitoring agency,

Reaffirming the essential role to be played by appropriate international monitoring measures, satisfactory to all interested parties, in establishing and implementing disarmament agreements, and in strengthening international security and confidence,

Considering the important contribution which earth observation satellite technology can make in this field,

Noting the views expressed by Member States, as compiled by the Secretary-General, on the proposal to establish an international satellite monitoring agency, in accordance with resolution 33/71 J of the General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the report of the Secretary-General (A/34/540), to which is annexed the preliminary conclusions of the study that he has undertaken, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, of the technical, legal and financial implications of establishing such an agency,

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Considering it necessary, in the light of the recommendations made by the Group of Governmental Experts in its preliminary conclusions, that the study should be continued in depth,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out such an in-depth study with the assistance of the Group of Governmental Experts previously constituted.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the subject in time for the General Assembly to take a decision at its special session devoted to disarmament in 1982.

3. Draws the attention of the Secretary-General to the fact that, in pursuance of paragraph 2 above, the study should be submitted no later than in June 1981 to the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament.