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FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

1. By resolution 37/100 F of 13 December 1982, the General Assembly requested, inter alia, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research "to lend assistance to States and regional institutions which may request it in the context of regional disarmament measures taken at the initiative and with the participation of all the States concerned".

2. It will be recalled that the Secretary-General's study on all the aspects of regional disarmament (A/35/416) states in paragraph 233:

"... The present study has been conceived in general terms; it bears witness to the need for research and study on the possibilities for disarmament in specific regions, keeping in mind the global context in which regional disarmament measures must be inserted. Such regional studies can take the form of study reports by groups of experts from the region in question, appointed at the initiative of States in the region to explore possible approaches to disarmament within that region and to translate the emerging comprehensive programme of disarmament into regional initiatives, where appropriate. It can also take the form of independent research, whether promoted on a national basis, or by means of exchanges of scholarships, or directly in a regional framework. Again, various levels of institutionalization on a regional basis can be envisaged. Regional study groups and seminars on security and disarmament in that region could also help to anticipate problems relative to security and to military developments in the region, and seek approaches which diminish as far as possible the incentives for regional arms competition."

3. With reference to the above-mentioned request, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research submits the following information:

(a) The Institute has received no specific requests on the basis of the above resolution from States or regional institutions.

(b) The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research has carried out a number of studies and activities that are relevant to the regional disarmament efforts. These are described in the report of the Director to the General Assembly on the activities of the Institute (A/38/475).

(c) A number of proposals for studies to be initiated in 1984, some of them of relevance to regional disarmament efforts, have been proposed to the Board of Trustees of the Institute and referred to in document A/38/467. These will be examined by the Board at its forthcoming meeting, from 12 to 16 December 1983.

4. This information is presented in the context of paragraph 5 of resolution 37/100 F by which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to it at its thirty-eighth session.