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Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the  
Relationship between Disarmament and Development  
on the organization of its work

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By paragraph 94 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, contained in resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, the Assembly decided that the Secretary-General should, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts appointed by him, initiate an expert study on the relationship between disarmament and development, and that the Secretary-General should submit an interim report on the subject to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and submit the final results to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session for subsequent action.
2. Pursuant to that decision, the Secretary-General appointed the Group of Governmental Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development. The Group met from 4 to 13 September 1978 at Geneva and submitted to the Secretary-General on 13 September 1978 a report on the organization of its work which is annexed to the present document.

ANNEX

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

13 September 1978 .

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith an organizational report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development which was appointed by you in pursuance of paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly (resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978).

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The report was prepared between 4 to 13 September 1978, during which period the Group held nine formal meetings and a series of informal discussions and consultations at Geneva.

The members of the Group wish to express their gratitude for the assistance which they received from the members of the Secretariat of the United Nations. They wish to convey, in particular, their thanks to Mr. Rolf Björnerstedt, Assistant Secretary-General, Centre for Disarmament, who was the representative of the Secretary-General in the Group, to Mr. Saad Alfarargi, Consultant of the Centre for Disarmament, who served as Secretary of the Group, and to Mr. Ronald Huisken of the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, who served as consultant to the Secretariat.

I have been requested by the Group, as its Chairman, to submit to you, on its behalf, this report which was unanimously approved.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Inga THORSSON  
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Group of Governmental Experts  
on the Relationship between  
Disarmament and Development

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REPORT OF THE GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT  
ON THE ORGANIZATION OF ITS WORK

1. The Group of Governmental Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development was established pursuant to paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly (resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978), in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts appointed by him, to initiate an expert study on the relationship between disarmament and development. Accordingly, a group of 24 governmental experts appointed by the Secretary-General met from 4 to 13 September 1978, during which period the Group held nine formal meetings and a series of informal discussions and consultations at Geneva. They agreed on the following proposals concerning the organization of and a tentative time-table for the work and for the meetings to be held by the Group and, as the need arises, by the subgroups.
2. The Group elected Mrs. Inga Thorsson as the Chairman of the Group.
3. While it would be most practical to have the meetings of the Group either in New York or in Geneva, the Group found it appropriate to hold at least one series of meetings in a developing country.
4. In accordance with paragraph 94 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the Group should present an interim report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and submit the final results at the thirty-sixth session. In addition, the Group decided that it might be of interest for the thirty-third session of the Assembly to have an organizational report. The Group also had in mind paragraph 115 of the Final Document, which stipulated that an item entitled "Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session" should be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third and subsequent sessions of the Assembly.
5. While every effort should be made to secure adequate financial resources from the regular budget of the United Nations, the Group felt that the study would no doubt require additional voluntary contributions. For such voluntary contributions the Secretary-General had already established a special fund - the Disarmament Project Fund. The Group declared its intention to assess, at the earliest possible moment, the total financial cost of the study. In submitting the organizational report to the thirty-third session, the Group recommended that the Secretary-General appeal to all Governments to make voluntary contributions to the Disarmament Project Fund and/or to finance the cost, in domestic currency where appropriate, of carrying out research projects.

6. In accordance with the Group's terms of reference, special emphasis should be placed on securing broad participation in the study. The Group would therefore see to it that institutions and researchers in as many countries as possible are engaged in the research projects. Accordingly, the Group decided to establish by the end of September 1978 a list of researchers and institutions. In particular, it would be of importance that research institutions in developing countries are engaged in the work. On invitation by the Group, the formulation of the project proposals should be made by the individual research institutions or researchers in co-operation with the United Nations Centre for Disarmament. These research institutions and/or researchers may collaborate in the formulation and submission of proposals. The Group recommended that the Secretary-General invite Governments to submit their own data and information relevant to the study.
7. The Group recommended that Governments, non-governmental organizations and research institutions organize conferences and international symposia on the subject of disarmament and development with a large participation of representatives of public and private organizations, especially from the developing countries. Such symposia and conferences could play an important complementary role to the tasks which will be dealt with by individual experts and consultants.
8. The Group decided that it would be useful to establish contacts with non-governmental organizations, including the international trade union movements, the International Chamber of Commerce and similar organizations in order to exchange views and ideas on the subject of the study and to inform the public of the relationship between disarmament and development.
9. As stated in paragraph 17 of the report of the Ad Hoc Group on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development (A/S-10/9), it would seem necessary to strengthen the staff of the United Nations Centre for Disarmament with qualified research consultants in order to maintain contact and co-ordination with research institutions and researchers during the implementation of the study.
10. In order to make use of the United Nations expertise in this field, the Group found it necessary to secure the co-operation of United Nations institutions, regional commissions and research institutes and specialized agencies. The Group authorized the Secretariat to co-ordinate contacts in this regard and invite United Nations bodies to take part as observers in the meetings of the Group and the subgroups.
11. The Group recommended that the main research work be carried out during the year 1979. The Group would endeavour to finalize the main report during the spring/summer of 1980 and submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session instead of at its thirty-sixth session as originally envisaged in the terms of reference. Based on the outcome of the debate at this session, concrete actions could be decided upon by the General Assembly at its next special session devoted to disarmament or at its thirty-sixth regular session. A tentative time-table was agreed in principle.
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