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GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT
TRANSMITTING THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ON
DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
MATTERS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS
SIXTY-THIRD SESSION**

Addendum

I have the honour to transmit herewith resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session, which make specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament, as well as other resolutions and decisions dealing with or related to disarmament and international security matters.

(Signed): Ban Ki-moon

Annex

III. The General Assembly also adopted five decisions on disarmament and international security issues:

- 63/516 Reduction of military budgets
- 63/517 Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe
- 63/518 Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament
- 63/519 Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament
- 63/520 United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

All documents and records on disarmament and international security items were distributed during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly to all Members of the United Nations, including all members of the Conference on Disarmament.

63/516. Reduction of military budgets

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.¹

63/517. Maintenance of international security – good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,² recalling its resolution 61/53 of 6 December 2006, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled “Maintenance of international security – good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe”.

63/518. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,³ decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament”.

63/519. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,⁴ recalling its resolution 62/29 of 5 December 2007 and its decision 62/552 of 11 September 2008, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament”.

¹ A/63/381.

² A/63/383, para. 7.

³ A/63/384, para. 7.

⁴ A/63/389, para. 87.

63/520. United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 2 December 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,⁴ decided, by a recorded vote of 130 to 3, with 46 abstentions,⁵ to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament”.

⁵ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.