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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA

Report of the Secretary-General

1. On 15 December 1983, the General Assembly adopted resolution 38/65, the operative part of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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- "l. Reaffirms its endorsement, in principle, of the concept of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;
- "2. <u>Urges once again</u> the States of South Asia, and such other neighbouring non-nuclear-weapon States as may be interested, to continue to make all possible efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia and to refrain, in the meantime, from any action contrary to this objective;
- "3. <u>Calls upon</u> those nuclear-weapon States that have not done so to respond positively to this proposal and to extend the necessary co-operation in the efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;
- "4. Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance as may be required to promote the efforts for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia and to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

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- "5. <u>Decides</u> to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled 'Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia'."
- 2. The Secretary-General has been in contact with the States of the South Asian region with regard to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 38/65. He wishes to inform the Assembly that there has been no request by the States concerned for his assistance in connection with the subject. In the course of those contacts, a view was expressed to the Secretary-General that he should continue to be available for this purpose.