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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Yugoslavia*: draft resolution

Bilateral nuclear-arms negotiations

The General Assembly,

Stressing that the general rapprochement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics contributes to the relaxation of international tensions and the creation of basic prerequisites for establishing lasting peace,

Aware of the fact that the disarmament process cannot be carried out without a contribution by all States and especially by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America and their military alliances, which have the greatest responsibility in that regard,

Stressing the importance of the strengthening of international security through disarmament and restraint of the qualitative and quantitative escalation of the arms race,

Expressing its strong expectation that future United States and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics nuclear-arms and space talks would also be geared towards the well-being and interests of all countries, in accordance with the principle of sovereign equality and the Charter of the United Nations,

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

Emphasizing that, since nuclear war threatens the very right to live, the ongoing process of disarmament could be accelerated and its coverage widened through the common endeavour of the entire international community,

Mindful of the responsibilities and obligations of all States to speed up the emerging process and to channel it in a direction that would benefit all.

Stressing that the world of today and the world of tomorrow require that doctrines of power politics be replaced by a policy of co-operation aimed at fulfilling the legitimate expectations of the entire international community,

Affirming that bilateral and multilateral negotiations on disarmament should facilitate and complement each other and that the new atmosphere in bilateral negotiations should be adequately reflected in multilateral negotiations,

Stressing that general and complete disarmament under effective international control is by its very nature unattainable unless all countries joined in its implementation,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the positive developments in the bilateral negotiations between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on disarmament issues;

2. Calls upon the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to accelerate their efforts to achieve a 50 per cent reduction in strategic offensive nuclear arms as early as possible, as part of the process leading to the complete elimination of nuclear weapons;

3. Also calls upon the two Governments to reach agreement to ensure that outer space is kept free of all weapons;

4. Further calls upon the two Governments to intensify their efforts with the objective of achieving early agreements in other areas, in particular, the issue of a nuclear-test ban;

5. Invites the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to keep the General Assembly and the Conference on Disarmament duly informed of progress made in their negotiations.