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### SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Hungary, India, Indonesia,  
Poland, Sri Lanka and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/77 A of 7 December 1988,

Noting with concern the potential in technological advances for application to military purposes, thus extending the arms race in new directions,

Recognizing that such a development will have a negative impact on the security environment, while causing a major setback to disarmament efforts,

Stressing, in this context, the importance of effectively addressing this problem and ensuring that scientific and technological developments are not exploited for military purposes but harnessed for the common benefit of mankind,

Recognizing the interests of the international community in the subject and the need to closely follow such developments,

Having noted that the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization <sup>1/</sup> calls for "harnessing scientific and technological progress for humanity's benefit rather than for armed confrontations" and that "it is important to ensure that a qualitative arms race will not follow quantitative disarmament,"

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<sup>1/</sup> A/44/1.

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General 2/ on this item,

1. Takes note of the preliminary work undertaken by the Secretary-General to follow future scientific and technological developments, especially those which have potential military applications, and to evaluate their impact on international security;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to conclude this work so that a report can be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

3. Takes note that the process of establishing national expert panels by Members States has already begun;

4. Encourages all Member States to participate by communicating their views to the Secretary-General and establishing panels at the national level to monitor and evaluate developments;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the forty-fifth session the item entitled "Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security".

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