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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN
AS A ZONE OF PEACE

Yugoslavia*: draft resolution

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean
as a Zone of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, contained in its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, and recalling also its resolutions 2992 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3080 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3259 A (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, 3468 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/88 of 14 December 1976, 32/86 of 12 December 1977, S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, 33/68 of 14 December 1978, 34/80 A and B of 11 December 1979, 35/150 of 12 December 1980, 36/90 of 9 December 1981, 37/96 of 13 December 1982, 38/185 of 20 December 1983, 39/149 of 17 December 1984, 40/153 of 16 December 1985, 41/87 of 4 December 1986, 42/43 of 30 November 1987, 43/79 of 7 December 1988 and other relevant resolutions,

Reaffirming that the establishment of zones of peace in various regions of the world under appropriate conditions, clearly defined and determined freely by the States concerned in the zone, taking into account the characteristics of the zone and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in conformity with international law, contributes to strengthening the security of States within such zones and to international peace and security as a whole,

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

Recalling the report of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean held in July 1979, 1/

Reaffirming its conviction that concrete action for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace would be a substantial contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security, as well as to the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and peaceful development of the States of the region,

Convinced that the continued military presence of the great Powers in the Indian Ocean area, conceived in the context of their confrontation, gives urgency to the need to take practical steps for the early achievement of the objectives of the Declaration,

Considering that the creation of a zone of peace requires co-operation and agreement among the States of the region to ensure conditions of peace and security within the area, as envisaged in the Declaration,

Recalling in particular paragraph 7 of resolution 43/79 of 7 December 1988,

Having considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean 2/ on the preparatory work for the convening of the Conference on the Indian Ocean,

Considering that the Ad Hoc Committee has accomplished to a great extent the preparatory work entrusted to it for the purpose of convening the Conference in 1990,

1. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean;
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Ad Hoc Committee on the work it has done in preparing for the United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean;
3. Reaffirms its full support for the implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace;
4. Recalls the Final Document contained in the report of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean; 3/
5. Decides that the Conference shall be structured in several stages;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/34/45 and Corr.1).

2/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/44/29).

3/ Ibid., Thirty fourth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/34/45 and Corr.1) chap. V.

6. Decides to convene, in the first stage, the United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 2 to 13 July 1990, with the objective of:

(a) Reviewing the situation in the Indian Ocean area with particular reference to the continued dangers posed by the military presence of the great Powers, and also other foreign military presences, whenever they are contrary to the objectives of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace;

(b) Considering the principal elements of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace as contained in the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and as considered at the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean as well as at the subsequent meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, taking into account all its relevant work;

(c) Adopting a final document containing the principles, modalities, machinery and programme of action for the furtherance of the objectives of the zone of peace;

(d) Recommending to the General Assembly the future role and functions of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean bearing in mind its mandate as defined in the relevant resolutions;

7. Decide that the Conference shall endeavour to adopt modalities and a programme of action embodying practical measures for the maintenance of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace in order to finalize an international agreement with binding arrangements;

8. Recommends that the participation at the Conference shall be at the ministerial level;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices to participate as observers, in accordance with resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/52 of 20 December 1976;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate as observers, in accordance with resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;

(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as integrated organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(g) Directly concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference the reports and documentation of the Ad Hoc Committee and of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean on their work and all other relevant documentation of the General Assembly;

11. Invites the Conference to take into account the reports and relevant documentation of the Ad Hoc Committee and of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean on their work and all other relevant documentation of the General Assembly;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a secretary-general of the Conference and provide other necessary staff, services and other facilities, including summary records for the Conference;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate steps including the provision of financial resources for the convening of the Conference;

14. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to hold a session during the first half of 1990 with a duration of two weeks in order to continue its preparatory work and submit a report directly to the Conference;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records, in recognition of its preparatory function;

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace".