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## PROGRESS REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF DISARMAMENT

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 245th plenary meeting, on 28 February 1984, the Conference on Disarmament decided to re-establish an ad hoc subsidiary body on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament to renew, as soon as the circumstances were propitious for that purpose, its work on the elaboration of the Programme with a view to the submission to the General Assembly, not later than at its forty-first session, a complete draft of such a Programme. The Conference further decided that the ad hoc subsidiary body would report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of its 1984 session, in order that the Conference may be in a position to submit to the General Assembly the progress report requested in resolution 38/183 K. The term "ad hoc subsidiary body" was used pending a decision by the Conference on its designation.

2. At its 248th plenary meeting, on 8 March 1984, the Conference on Disarmament decided to designate the ad hoc subsidiary body as "Ad Hoc Committee".

### II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND DOCUMENTS

3. At its 266th plenary meeting, on 21 June 1984, the Conference on Disarmament appointed Ambassador Alfonso García Robles (Mexico) as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee. Miss Aida Luisa Levin, United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Committee.

4. The Ad Hoc Committee held two meetings between 10 and 24 July 1984.

5. At their request, the Conference on Disarmament decided to invite the representatives of the following States not members of the Conference to participate in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee: Bangladesh, Colombia, Democratic Yemen, Finland, Norway, Portugal and Spain.

6. The Ad Hoc Committee had before it the documents of previous sessions related to the agenda item. 1/

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1/ The list of documents may be found in the reports of the previous Ad Hoc Working Group on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament which are an integral part of the reports of the Committee on Disarmament (CD/139, CD/228, CD/292, CD/335 and CD/421).

### III. WORK DURING THE 1984 SESSION

7. In accordance with its mandate and as provided in General Assembly resolution 38/183 K, the Ad Hoc Committee was called upon to renew its work on the elaboration of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament as soon as the circumstances were propitious for that purpose. It was agreed that present circumstances were not conducive to making progress towards the resolution of outstanding issues and that, therefore, it would not be fruitful to pursue the elaboration of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament at this session.

### IV. CONCLUSIONS

8. Bearing in mind that under the terms of the Ad Hoc Committee's mandate the complete draft of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament should be submitted to the General Assembly not later than at the Assembly's forty-first session and in view of the difficulties encountered in the past, it is to be hoped that maximum efforts will be exerted to ensure that early next year the circumstances will be such as to permit the resumption of the work on the elaboration of the Programme and its successful conclusion.