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### GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

#### Study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects

#### Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 37/99 F of 13 December 1982, the General Assembly decided that a study should be undertaken to review and supplement the Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects <sup>1/</sup> in the light of information and experience accumulated since 1975. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of an ad hoc group of qualified governmental experts, to carry out the study and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, bearing in mind the savings that might be made within existing budgetary appropriations. Pursuant to that resolution, the Secretary-General appointed the Group of Governmental Experts on Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in early 1983 and it began its work on 14 March 1983.
2. By resolution 38/188 I of 20 December 1983, the General Assembly, considering that the documents submitted to it at its thirty-eighth session on the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones, as well as the views expressed on the subject in the general debate, provided additional elements relevant to the updating of the study, requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Group of Governmental Experts on Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones for its consideration and analysis all the relevant documents submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, as well as the records of the debate on the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones.
3. By resolution 39/151 B of 17 December 1984, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/39/400), to which was annexed a letter from

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the Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts, informing the Secretary-General that the Group had not been able to conclude the study within the time available and that the experts considered that the work could be completed if the time period of the study were extended; requested the Secretary-General to continue the study and to submit the report to the Assembly at its fortieth session; and requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Group for its consideration and analysis all the relevant documents submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, as well as the records of the debate on the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones.

4. By a letter dated 9 February 1985, the text of which is annexed to the present report, the Chairman of the Group of Experts informed the Secretary-General that the Group had continued its work and had made considerable progress in its examination of the draft study during its session from 21 January to 8 February 1985, but that it had been unable to reach agreement on the study as a whole and in particular on the conclusions resulting from the study; he was therefore unable to transmit to the Secretary-General a study on behalf of the Group.

Notes

- 1/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.I.7.

ANNEX

9 February 1985

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Group of Experts appointed by you pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37/99 F of 13 December 1982 in order to undertake a study to review and supplement the Comprehensive study on the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects has continued to carry out its task on the basis of resolution 39/151 B of 17 December 1984.

During its session on 21 January-8 February 1985 the Group continued its work and made considerable progress in its examination of the draft study. Unfortunately, however, the Group was unable to reach agreement on the study as a whole and in particular on the conclusions resulting from the study and I am therefore unable to transmit to you a study on behalf of the Group.

At the last meeting of the Group I announced my intention to inform you about the exact stage reached in the deliberations of the Group. To this end I have the honour to transmit herewith the draft text of the study as it stood at the closure of the final session of the Group. The paragraphs still under discussion are indicated in brackets together with proposed alternative or additional text.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Klaus TORNUDD  
Chairman of the Group of Governmental  
Experts on Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones

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