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WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "World Disarmament Conference: report of the Special Committee on the World Disarmament Conference" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 2930 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972.
2. At its 2123rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1973, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in the agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. At its 1923rd meeting, on 5 November, the First Committee decided to have a combined general debate on the items allocated to it, relating to disarmament and the Indian Ocean, namely:
 - Item 29: Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security.
 - Item 32: World Disarmament Conference.
 - Item 33: General and complete disarmament.
 - Item 34: Napalm and other incendiary weapons and all aspects of their possible use.
 - Item 35: Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons.
 - Item 36: Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests.
 - Item 37: Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2935 (XXVII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco).
 - Item 38: Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace.

4. The general debate on these items took place at the 1934th, 1935th, 1938th and 1940th to 1953rd meetings, from 23 October to 8 November.

5. The First Committee had before it, in connexion with agenda item 32, the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 20 December 1972 from the President of the General Assembly to the Secretary-General (A/8990);

(b) Letter dated 9 January 1973 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/9033);

(c) Letter dated 15 January 1973 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/8990/Add.1);

(d) Letter dated 2 February 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/9041);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General dated 17 October 1973 (A/9228).

6. At the 1934th meeting, on 23 October, the Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations made a statement (see A/C.1/PV.1934) at the request of, and on the basis of informal consultations with, the Member States specifically appointed by the President of the General Assembly to serve on the Special Committee on the World Disarmament Conference.

7. On 11 December, Algeria, Argentina, India, Mexico and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.673), which was introduced by the representative of Mexico at the 1985th meeting, on 13 December.

8. On 12 December, the Secretary-General submitted a statement (A/C.1/L.674) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/L.673.

9. At the 1985th meeting, on 13 December, the draft resolution was unanimously adopted (see paragraph 10 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

10. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

World Disarmament Conference

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the responsibility of the United Nations under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and for disarmament,

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Convinced that all peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations,

Deeply convinced that substantial progress in the field of disarmament can be achieved only by ensuring adequate conditions of security for all States,

Convinced also that all States should contribute to the adoption of measures for the achievement of this goal,

Believing that it is imperative that all States exert further efforts for the adoption of effective measures of disarmament and, more particularly, nuclear disarmament,

Believing also that a world disarmament conference, adequately prepared and convened at an appropriate time, could promote the realization of such aims and that the co-operation of all nuclear Powers would considerably facilitate their attainment,

Recalling resolution 2833 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971,

Recalling also resolution 2930 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972, by which it decided to establish a Special Committee on the World Disarmament Conference,

Bearing in mind the note of the Secretary-General, of 17 October 1973, 1/ and the statements made during the consideration by the First Committee of agenda item 32,

Noting that, before any conclusion may be reached with regard to preparation for the convening of a world disarmament conference, it will be necessary to carry out considerable study of the relevant existing conditions,

1. Decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to examine all the views and suggestions expressed by Governments on the convening of a world disarmament conference and related problems, including conditions for the realization of such a conference, and to submit, on the basis of consensus, a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

2. Decides further that the Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of the following 40 non-nuclear-weapon Member States appointed by the President of the General Assembly after consultation with all regional groups: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia;

3. Invites the States possessing nuclear weapons to co-operate or maintain contact with the Ad Hoc Committee, it being understood that they will enjoy the same rights as the designated members of the Committee;
4. Invites all States to communicate as soon as possible to the Secretary-General, for transmission to the Ad Hoc Committee, any views and suggestions they deem pertinent to present for the purpose defined in paragraph 1 above;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee in its work, including the preparation of summary records;
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session the item entitled "World Disarmament Conference".
