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ONE DAY OF WAR FOR PEACE

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 1758th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1969, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 42 entitled "One day of war for peace".
2. The Committee considered this item at its 1283rd and 1294th meetings, on 18 November and 1 December 1969, respectively.
3. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/7669) and two letters, dated 22 August and 24 September 1968, from the representatives of Cambodia, Gabon and Madagascar to the Secretary-General.<sup>1/</sup>
4. At the 1294th meeting, the representative of Madagascar, on behalf of the delegations of the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Madagascar, Mauritius, Niger, Rwanda and Senegal, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1082), which read as follows:

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 92, documents A/7183 and Add.1.

"The General Assembly,

"Reiterating its determination to encourage economic and social progress and thus to contribute to the establishment of better living conditions in all countries,

"Noting with concern the increasing gap between the levels of living in developed countries and those in less developed countries,

"Recalling its resolutions 724 A (VIII) of 7 December 1953, 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 2092 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2171 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 and 2387 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968 on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament,

"Recognizing the importance of disarmament measures as one of the means of releasing additional resources for economic and social progress throughout the world, and in particular in the developing countries,

"1. Invites Member States to designate each year a "peace day" devoted to study of the effects which any disarmament measures might have on economic and social development;

"2. Requests Member States to consider on that occasion, in the event that effective disarmament measures would release additional resources, the possibility of using those resources in the light of the objectives of the Second Development Decade;

"3. Suggests to Member States that they should, when making reports pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2092 (XX) and 2171 (XXI), add such comments as they may deem appropriate on the results anticipated from studies made by them in connexion with a 'peace day'."

5. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Madagascar informed the Committee that a reference to General Assembly resolution 2387 (XXIII) had been included in operative paragraph 3.

6. Dahomey, Gabon, Mexico and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

7. The sponsors decided that the title of the draft resolution should be "A day for peace".

8. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted on the draft resolution and adopted it by 81 votes to none, with 6 abstentions (see paragraph 9 below).

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

9. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

A day for peace

The General Assembly,

Reiterating its determination to encourage economic and social progress and thus to contribute to the establishment of better living conditions in all countries,

Noting with concern the increasing gap between the levels of living in developed countries and those in less developed countries,

Recalling its resolutions 724 A (VIII) of 7 December 1953, 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 2092 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2171 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 and 2387 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968 on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament,

Recognizing the importance of disarmament measures as one of the means of releasing additional resources for economic and social progress throughout the world, and in particular in the developing countries,

1. Invites Member States to designate each year a "peace day" devoted to the study of the effects that any disarmament measures might have on economic and social development;

2. Requests Member States to consider on that occasion, in the event that effective disarmament measures do release additional resources, the possibility of using those resources in the light of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. Suggests to Member States that they should, when making reports pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2092 (XX), 2171 (XXI) and 2387 (XXIII), add such comments as they may deem appropriate on the results anticipated from studies made by them in connexion with a "peace day".

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