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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3079 (XXVIII)
CONCERNING THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL
PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA (TREATY OF TLATELOLCO)

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3079 (XXVIII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the Secretary-General" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twenty-ninth session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 3079 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973.
2. At its 2236th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1974, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item on the agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. At its 1987th meeting, on 25 September, the First Committee decided to have a combined general debate on the items allocated to it relating to disarmament and the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, namely:
 - Item 24: Reduction of the military budgets of States permanent members of the Security Council by 10 per cent and utilization of part of the funds thus saved to provide assistance to developing countries.
 - Item 27: Napalm and other incendiary weapons and all aspects of their possible use.
 - Item 28: Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons.
 - Item 29: Urgent need for cessation of nuclear and thermonuclear tests and conclusion of a treaty designed to achieve a comprehensive test ban.

- Item 30: Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3079 (XXVIII) 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 31: Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.
- Item 34: World Disarmament Conference.
- Item 35: General and complete disarmament.
- Item 100: Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2286 (XXII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco).
- Item 101: Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.
- Item 103: Prohibition of action to influence the environment and climate for military and other purposes incompatible with the maintenance of international security, human well-being and health.
- Item 107: Declaration and establishment of a nuclear-free zone in South Asia.

4. The general debate on these items took place at the 1998th to 2016th meetings, from 21 October to 11 November.

5. The First Committee had before it, in connexion with agenda item 30, the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/9797);
- (b) Letter dated 30 August 1974 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/9718).

6. On 8 November, Barbados, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.685). The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Mexico at the 2018th meeting, on 13 November.

7. At its 2023rd meeting, on 19 November, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/L.685 by 83 votes to none, with 14 abstentions 1/ (see para. 8 below).

1/ Subsequently, the delegations of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ireland, Mauritius, Togo and the United Republic of Cameroon stated that, had they been present at the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3079 (XXVIII)
concerning the signature and ratification of Additional
Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1911 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2286 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2456 B (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2666 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2830 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, 2935 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972 and 3079 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, in six of which there have been appeals to the nuclear-weapon States regarding the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco),

Reiterating its conviction that, for the maximum effectiveness of any treaty establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone, the co-operation of the nuclear-weapon States is necessary and that such co-operation should take the form of commitments likewise undertaken in a formal international instrument which is legally binding, such as a treaty, convention or protocol,

1. Notes with satisfaction that Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco), which entered into force for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America in 1969 and 1971, respectively, has entered into force as well during the current year for France and the People's Republic of China, whose Governments deposited their respective instruments of ratification on 22 March and 12 June 1974;

2. Urges the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to sign and ratify Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco), as has already been done by the other four nuclear-weapon States to which the General Assembly began to address its appeals in 1967;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution ... (XXIX) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)".
