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CONSIDERATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE 1980s
AS A DISARMAMENT DECADE

Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru
Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tunisia,
Venezuela and Yugoslavia: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/62 of 14 December 1978,

Bearing in mind that the Disarmament Decade, declared by its resolution 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, is coming to an end,

Expressing its disappointment that the purposes and objectives of the Decade have not been realized,

Deeply concerned that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continue to be wasted on armaments with detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind the preparations for the strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Stressing again the close relationship between disarmament and development,

Convinced that effective disarmament measures should release resources from the unproductive arms race for economic and social programmes and in particular for international economic co-operation,

1. Decides to declare the decade of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade;

2. Directs the United Nations Disarmament Commission, at its substantive session in 1980, to prepare elements of a draft resolution entitled "Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade" and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, for consideration and adoption;

3. Determines that the draft resolution should embody, inter alia, an indication of target dates during the Disarmament Decade for accomplishing the major objectives and goals of disarmament, as well as ways and means of mobilizing world public opinion in this regard;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views and suggestions of Member States as well as relevant specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on possible elements in the Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade;

5. Calls upon the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance, including the preparation of a working paper, to the United Nations Disarmament Commission in implementing this resolution;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade".
