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1. Pursuant to section III of General Assembly resolution 37/99 K of 13 December 1982, the Advisory Board has the following functions:

(a) To advise the Secretary-General on various aspects of studies and research in the area of arms limitation and disarmament carried out under the auspices of the United Nations or institutions within the United Nations system, in particular on the integration of a programme of such studies with a comprehensive programme of disarmament, once this had been established;

(b) To serve as the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR);

(c) To advise the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign;

(d) At the specific invitation of the Secretary-General, to provide him with advice on other matters within the area of disarmament and arms limitation.

2. In resolution 38/183 O of 20 December 1983, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to report annually on the work of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies. In 1989, the Secretary-General decided to make a number of changes in the functioning of the Board, so as to facilitate a broader interpretation of the Board's existing mandate and to permit the Secretary-General to draw on the accumulated experience and wisdom of the Board for advice on matters within the area of arms limitation and disarmament. The title of the Board was also modified to "Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters".

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3. The Board held its twenty-first session from 19 to 24 July in New York, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Ryukichi Imai of Japan. The chairmanship of the Board rotates annually. The present membership of the Board is shown in the annex. The terms of office of the members will run to 31 December 1990.

4. The Board was informed of the status of a number of recently completed or ongoing studies on disarmament issues being carried out by groups of experts on behalf of the Secretary-General. With the exception of the study on ways and means of promoting transparency in international transfers of conventional arms, the report on which will be made to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, in 1991, the other reports are due to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

5. The Board's deliberations on the subject of the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign are reflected in the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of the programme of activities of the Campaign in 1990 (A/45/565). In its capacity as Board of Trustees of UNIDIR the Advisory Board considered and approved the report of the Director of UNIDIR on the Institute's activities in 1989/90 and the research programme and proposed annual budget for 1991. An account of the Board's deliberations is contained in document A/45/392, annex II, including the Board's recommendation of a subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations amounting to \$220,000 for 1991. The Board emphasized the importance of continuing in the future the annual subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations and the need to maintain the other support arrangements at their current level.

6. Meeting in closed informal session, the Board discussed the implications for the United Nations in the area of security, arms limitation and disarmament of the developments and changes in the international situation that have occurred in recent months. The nature of the Board's discussions was subsequently reflected, in response to the Secretary-General's request, in a personal report to him by the Chairman.

ANNEX

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