ISRAELI NUCLEAR ARMAMENT

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Israeli nuclear armament: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/89 of 11 December 1979.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1980, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 3rd meeting, on 9 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on the items allocated to it relating to disarmament, namely, items 31 to 49 and 121. The general debate on these items took place at the 4th to 26th meetings, from 15 October to 4 November (see A/C.1/35/PV.4-28).

4. In connexion with item 49, the Committee had before it the following documents:

   (a) Letter dated 26 February 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/35/118);

   (b) Letter dated 24 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/35/351);

   (c) Letter dated 20 August 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the resolutions and final communiqué of the Eleventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Islamabad from 17 to 22 May 1980 (A/35/419);
(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the group of experts on
Israeli nuclear armament (A/35/458);

(e) Note verbale dated 14 October 1980 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting
a communiqué of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign
Affairs and Heads of Delegations of the non-aligned countries to the
General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-fifth session held

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/35/L.25

5. On 17 November, Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti,
Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania,
Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic,
Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen submitted a draft resolution
(A/C.1/35/L.25), which was subsequently also sponsored by Bangladesh,
the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali and Viet Nam. The
draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Iraq at the 38th
meeting, on 21 November.

6. At its 39th meeting, on 21 November, the Committee adopted draft
resolution A/C.1/35/L.25 by a recorded vote of 96 to 6, with 34 abstentions
(see para. 7). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Bahamas, Bahrain,
Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi,
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile,
China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea,
Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt,
Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada,
Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran,
Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic
Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia,
Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco,
Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama,
Peru, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe,
Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan,
Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago,
Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic,
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates,
United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania,
Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia,
Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Denmark, Iceland, Israel, Netherlands, Norway, United States
of America.

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

   Israeli nuclear armament

   The General Assembly,

   Recalling its relevant resolutions on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East,

   Reaffirming its resolution 33/7 A of 14 December 1978 on military and nuclear collaboration with Israel, and its resolution 34/89 of 11 December 1979 on Israeli nuclear armaments,

   1. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the work of the group of experts on Israeli nuclear armament 1/ submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

   2. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts in this regard and submit his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

   3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "Israeli nuclear armament".

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