Fortieth session
Agenda item 69

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled:

"Relationship between disarmament and development:

"(a) Reallocation and conversion of resources, through disarmament measures, from military to civilian purposes;

"(b) Relationship between disarmament and development: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development: report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development"

was included in the provisional agenda of the fortieth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/84 of 9 December 1982, 38/71 A of 15 December 1983 and 39/160 of 17 December 1984.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1985, 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 2nd meeting, on 9 October, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on the disarmament items allocated to it, namely, items 48 to 69, and item 145, followed by statements on specific disarmament agenda items and continuation of general debate, as necessary. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and the 32nd meetings, from 14 October to 8 November (see A/C.1/40/PV.3-32).

4. In connection with item 69, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

   (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development (A/40/51); 1/

   (b) Relationship between disarmament and development: report of the Secretary-General (A/40/618);

   (c) Letter dated 30 January 1985 from the representatives of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Delhi Declaration adopted and issued at New Delhi on 28 January 1985 by the Heads of State or Government of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/40/114-S/16921);

   (d) Letter dated 15 February 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/130-S/16958);

   (e) Letter dated 1 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Declaration of the Commemorative Meeting in Observance of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Asian-African Conference, held at Bandung, Indonesia, on 24 and 25 April 1985 (A/40/276-S/17138);

   (f) Letter dated 12 August 1985 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Lima Declaration signed on 29 July 1985 by the Heads of State of Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Uruguay and Peru, and by the Special Representatives of Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Venezuela (A/40/544);

(g) Letter dated 19 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué adopted by the Sixteenth South Pacific Forum, held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, from 5 to 6 August 1985 (A/40/672-S/17488);

(h) Letter dated 14 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Togo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted at the Ministerial Regional Conference on Security, Disarmament and Development in Africa, held at Lomé from 13 to 16 August 1985 (A/40/761-S/17573);

(i) Letter dated 30 October 1985 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint message dated 24 October 1985 addressed to the President of the United States of America and the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union by the Heads of State or Government of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/40/825-S/17596);

(j) Letter dated 25 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of the member States of the Warsaw Treaty Organization issued by the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty Organization at its session on 22 and 23 October 1985 at Sofia (A/C.1/40/7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/40/L.69

5. On 7 November 1985, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, the Central African Republic, China, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Gabon, the German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, the Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire submitted a draft resolution entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development" (A/C.1/40/L.69), which was later also co-sponsored by Samoa, Swaziland and Uruguay. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of France at the 34th meeting, on 12 November.

6. In connection with the draft resolution, the Secretary-General submitted a statement on the programme budget implications (A/C.1/40/L.75).

7. At its 39th meeting, on 15 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/40/L.69 without a vote.
III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

**Relationship between disarmament and development**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 38/71 B of 15 December 1983 and 39/160 of 17 December 1984,

Recalling, in particular, its decision to convene an International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, which should be preceded by thorough preparation and should take decisions by consensus, and to set up a Preparatory Committee for the Conference, which should formulate and submit, by consensus, to the General Assembly, at its fortieth session, recommendations as to the provisional agenda, procedure, place, date and duration of the Conference,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development 2/ and approves the recommendations contained therein; 3/

2. Recommends for adoption by the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development the following provisional agenda drawn up by the Preparatory Committee:

   1. Opening of the Conference.
   2. Election of the President.
   3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
   4. Election of the other officers.
   5. Credentials of the representatives to the Conference:
      (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
      (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.


3/ Ibid., sect. III.
6. Adoption of the agenda.

7. Organization of work.

8. Consideration of the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions.

9. Consideration of the implications of the level and magnitude of military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and the international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries, and formulation of appropriate recommendations for remedial measures.

10. Consideration of ways and means of releasing additional resources, through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular for the benefit of developing countries.

11. Adoption of the final document of the Conference.

12. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.

3. Also recommends for adoption by the Conference the proposals relating to procedure contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee; 4/

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of France for its invitation to act as host to the Conference, and accordingly decides that the Conference shall be held in Paris from 15 July to 2 August 1986;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to invite all States to participate in the Conference and to apply, as regards other participants and observers, the provisions of section XI of the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference, annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee;

6. Authorizes the Preparatory Committee to hold one or, if necessary, two additional sessions, each of two weeks' duration, open to all States and devoted to consideration of the substantive questions included in the agenda for the Conference;

7. Decides that the second session of the Preparatory Committee shall be held in New York in March/April 1986 and that, if necessary, a third session shall be held in New York in June, taking into account all relevant factors, including the need for minimizing costs and for adequate representation;

4/ Ibid., sect. III, part E.
8. **Requests** the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference;

9. **Requests** the Secretary-General of the Conference to assist in the tasks provided for in paragraph 19 of the report of the Preparatory Committee and to ensure implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20 (Documentation), 21 (Convening of a panel of eminent personalities qualified in the field of disarmament and development), 22 (Appropriate information to the General Assembly on the preparatory process) and 23 (Dissemination of information relating to the Conference and its preparatory work);

10. **Requests** the organizations of the United Nations system and the International Atomic Energy Agency to contribute fully to the preparatory work in the field of documentation, in conformity with the recommendations contained in paragraph 20 of the report of the Preparatory Committee.