Fortieth session
Agenda item 49

IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 39/51 CONCERNING
THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE
TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA
(TREATY OF Tlatelolco)

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/51
concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty
for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)" was
included in the provisional agenda of the fortieth session in accordance with

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 49, the First Committee had before it a 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 at the Sixteenth South Pacific Forum, held at Rarotonga, Cook Islands, on
5 and 6 August 1985 (A/40/672-S/17488).
II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/40/L.61

5. On 7 November 1985, the Bahamas, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay submitted a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/51 concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)" (A/C.1/40/L.61), which was later also sponsored by Jamaica. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Mexico at the 32nd meeting, on 8 November.

6. At its 41st meeting, on 18 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/40/L.61 by a recorded vote of 126 to none, with 7 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Argentina, Chad, Cuba, France, Guyana, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Mali.
III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/51 concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Tlatelolco)

The General Assembly,


Taking into account that within the zone of application of that Treaty, to which 23 sovereign States are already parties, there are some territories which, in spite of not being sovereign political entities, are nevertheless in a position to receive the benefits deriving from the Treaty through its Additional Protocol I, to which the four States that de jure or de facto are internationally responsible for those territories may become parties,

Considering that it would not be fair if the peoples of some of those territories were deprived of such benefits without being given the opportunity to express their opinion in this connection,

Recalling that three of the States to whom Additional Protocol I is opened - the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States of America - became parties to the said Protocol in 1969, 1971 and 1981, respectively,

1. Deplores that the signature of Additional Protocol I by France, which took place on 2 March 1979, has not yet been followed by the corresponding ratification, notwithstanding the time already elapsed and the pressing invitations which the General Assembly has addressed to it;

2. Once more urges France not to delay any further such ratification, which has been requested so many times and which appears all the more advisable, since France is the only one of the four States to which the Protocol is open that is not yet party to it;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 40/ concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Tlatelolco)".

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