General Assembly

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE SCOPE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED OR AIMED AT IN DRAFT MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT TREATIES OF A UNIVERSAL CHARACTER CONCLUDED UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES AND THE SCOPE FINALLY FIXED IN THOSE TREATIES, INCLUDING THE CONTEMPLATED MEASURES FOR EXPANDING THAT SCOPE

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Corrigendum

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After paragraph 72, insert the following new paragraph:

72 a. Another question which was the subject of intensive consideration by the Conference was a proposal on a draft article on a consultative committee of experts, submitted by Belgium, Canada, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands. According to the proposal the States parties to the Convention would undertake to consult one another and to co-operate with the aim of conciliation in solving any problems which might arise in relation to the objectives of, or in the application of, the provisions of the Convention and its annexed Protocols. To that end after the entry into force of the Convention, a consultative committee of experts should be established. It was further proposed that the committee should be competent to inquire into the facts of the situation which is the subject of the request, report its findings of fact and recommendations, and facilitate through its good offices compliance with the Protocols. Due to the complexity of the subject matter and insufficient time at the disposal of the Conference, eventual agreement on this proposal could not be finalized at the time. It was, however, included in the documentation of the Conference.