PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its thirty-third session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 33/71 H of 14 December 1978, section III of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"Bearing in mind the decision adopted at its tenth special session to fix, during its thirty-third session, the date of the second special session devoted to disarmament,

"Desiring to contribute to the furthering and broadening of positive processes initiated through the laying down of the foundations of an international disarmament strategy at its tenth special session,

"1. Decides to convene a second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament in 1982 at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

"2. Decides also to set up, at its thirty-fifth session, a preparatory committee for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament."

2. At its thirty-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 35/47 of 3 December 1980, the operative part of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Decides to establish a Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament composed of seventy-eight Member States appointed by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographic distribution;

"2. Requests the Preparatory Committee to prepare a draft agenda for the special session, to examine all relevant questions relating to that session and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session its recommendations thereon, including those in respect of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Assembly at its tenth special session;

"3. Invites all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament not later than 1 April 1981;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the replies of Member States relevant to paragraph 3 above to the Preparatory Committee and to render to it all necessary assistance, including the provision of essential background information, relevant documents and summary records;

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5. Requests the Preparatory Committee to meet for a short organizational session of not longer than one week before the end of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly in order, inter alia, to set the dates for its substantive sessions;

6. Further requests the Preparatory Committee to submit its progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled: 'Second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament'.

3. In accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 35/47, the President of the General Assembly on the basis of consultations held in the First Committee, appointed the following States as members of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia.

4. In accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 35/47, 49 Member States have communicated to the Secretary-General their views on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. These replies were circulated as documents (A/AC.206/2 and Add.1-9).

II. WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1980 AND 1981

5. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 35/47, the Preparatory Committee met at United Nations Headquarters for a short organizational session on 4 and 5 December 1980. Two substantive sessions were held from 4 to 15 May and from 5 to 16 October 1981. During these three sessions the Committee held 29 meetings. The Committee also held a number of informal meetings. The 1st meeting of the Committee, held on 4 December 1980, was opened by the Secretary-General, who made a statement (A/AC.206/SR.1).

6. The Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Olu Adeniji (Nigeria)
Vice-Chairman: The representatives of the following delegations:
Australia
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Benin
Bulgaria
German Democratic Republic
India
Italy
Japan
Mexico
Morocco
Peru
Yugoslavia

Rapporteur: Mr. Omer Ersun (Turkey)

7. At its 1st meeting, on 4 December 1980, following the example of the Preparatory Committee for the first special session devoted to disarmament, the Committee decided to be governed by the relevant parts of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Notwithstanding that decision, it was understood that every effort should be made to ensure that decisions on matters of substance would be adopted by consensus. It was further agreed that, should it prove impossible to secure consensus, the Chairman would then duly inform the Committee, so that the relevant decisions could be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee also agreed that the representatives of States not members of the Committee would be entitled to participate in its plenary meetings without the right to vote, as decided by the Preparatory Committee for the first special session on disarmament. In accordance with that decision, the representatives of Ireland and the Holy See participated in the work of the Preparatory Committee and made statements during the Committee's meetings.

9. At its 1st meeting, the Committee agreed to follow the practice of the Preparatory Committee of the first special session on disarmament with respect to the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutions. Accordingly, the Committee decided that such representatives could be present at meetings of the Committee and that they should provide the Secretariat with lists of communications received from such organizations that were conducting research in the field of disarmament (A/AC.206/INF.1 and Add.1-4). At its 17th meeting, on 15 May 1981, the Committee agreed to a recommendation made by its bureau that the organizations concerned should be allowed to make oral statements at one meeting during the October session
of the Preparatory Committee. With regard to the representation of those organizations, the Committee agreed that the matter would be decided by the organizations themselves and that their decision would be conveyed to the Chairman of the Committee.

10. At its 1st meeting, on 4 December 1980, the Committee decided to invite the International Atomic Energy Agency and specialized agencies interested in disarmament to take part in the work of the Committee as observers. At the 22nd meeting of the Committee, the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement.

11. At its 25th meeting, on 9 October 1981, the Preparatory Committee heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations; Ad Hoc NGO Liaison Group of the Special NGO Committee on Disarmament at Geneva and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (at United Nations Headquarters), Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization, International Peace Bureau, World Federation of Democratic Youth, World Peace Council, as well as three of the representatives who spoke on behalf of the NGO Committee on Disarmament (at United Nations). The Committee also heard statements by the representatives of the following peace research institutions: International Peace Research Association, the Stanley Foundation, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies.

12. In the course of the Preparatory Committee's work, the following working papers were submitted by Member States:

(a) Working paper entitled "Principal objectives of international co-operation for speedier practical progress of disarmament negotiations", submitted by Czechoslovakia (A/AC.206/11, annex);

(b) Working paper on the implementation of the Final Document of the first special session devoted to disarmament, containing, inter alia, an assessment of the main negotiating processes and regional disarmament efforts, submitted by Finland (A/AC.206/12);

(c) Working paper containing an annotated preliminary draft provisional agenda of the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, submitted by Mexico (A/AC.206/13).

13. In accordance with the Committee's request at its 3rd meeting, on 5 December 1980, the Secretariat prepared the following background papers:

(a) Disarmament resolutions adopted by the General Assembly (A/AC.206/3);

(b) A comprehensive study of official proposals or declarations made and decisions taken by the General Assembly on the procedure of unilateral or negotiated moratoria as a provisional measure for the prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests, as well as their application by any State (A/AC.206/4 and Corr.1);

(c) A comprehensive study of the origin, development and present status of the various alternatives proposed for the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons (A/AC.206/5 and Corr.1);
(d) Report on the human and material resources available to the United Nations Secretariat for its work on disarmament and the organization of that work (A/AC.206/6);

(e) A synthesis of the arguments adduced for and against each of the four proposals for the creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones that have been included in the agenda of the General Assembly (Africa, South Asia, the Middle East and the South Pacific) and for and against the proposal for the establishment of a zone of peace in the Indian Ocean, including a subject and country index (A/AC.206/7 and Add.1);

(f) Summary of studies in the field of disarmament prepared by the Secretary-General with the assistance of experts during the period 1977-1980 at the request of the General Assembly (A/AC.206/9);

(g) 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 (A/AC.206/10 and Corr.1);

(h) A list of disarmament and related proposals officially submitted to the United Nations (A/AC.206/15);

(i) A brief synopsis of disarmament and arms limitation negotiations since 1978 - including their results - carried out within the framework of the United Nations on a regional basis or bilaterally, with indication, where appropriate, of the procedures followed to keep the United Nations informed (A/AC.206/16 and Corr.1).

14. In addition, at the Committee's request at its 11th meeting, on 8 May 1981, the Secretariat prepared a series of compilations of views of Member States on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (A/AC.206/CRP.1 and Add.1-3, A/AC.206/CRP.2 and Add.1 and 2, A/AC.206/CRP.3 and Add.1 and A/AC.206/CRP.4 and Add.1).

15. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 34/83 E of 11 December 1979, the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Study on the implications of establishing an international satellite monitoring agency" was circulated as a document of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.206/14).

16. The proceedings of the meetings of the Preparatory Committee, including the views expressed by delegations, are contained in the summary records (A/AC.206/SR.1-29).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1981

17. At its meetings, the Preparatory Committee decided by consensus to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session the recommendations set forth in paragraphs 18 to 29 below with regard to the organization of work of the second...
special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and the future work of the Preparatory Committee.

A. Organization of work of the special session

1. Provisional agenda

18. The Committee recommends the following provisional agenda for the special session:

1. Opening of the session in accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. 1/

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Credentials of representatives to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament:

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.

5. Organization of the session.


7. Adoption of the agenda.

8. General debate including:

   - Review and appraisal of the present international situation in the light of the pressing need for specific generally agreed measures to eliminate the danger of war, in particular nuclear war, halt and reverse the arms race and to achieve substantial progress in the field of disarmament, especially in its nuclear aspects, taking due account of the close interrelationship between disarmament, international peace and security, as well as between disarmament and economic and social development, particularly of the developing countries.

   1/ Rule 30 of the rules of procedure provides that, at the opening of each session of the General Assembly, the Chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President for the session.
9. Review of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly at its first special session devoted to disarmament:
   - Status of negotiations on disarmament as contained in the Programme of Action and bearing in mind the priorities set out in the Programme;
   - Consideration of the report of the Committee on Disarmament, in particular any draft instruments transmitted by the Committee;
   - Consideration of the report of the Disarmament Commission;
   - Consideration of the implementation of resolutions of the General Assembly on specific tasks, in particular studies, aimed at the realization of the Final Document and their follow-up.

10. Consideration and adoption of the comprehensive programme of disarmament.

11. Implementation of the Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade as well as consideration of initiatives and proposals of Member States.

12. Enhancing the effectiveness of machinery in the field of disarmament and strengthening of the role of the United Nations in this field, including the possible convening of a World Disarmament Conference.

13. Measures to mobilize world public opinion in favour of disarmament:
   - Disarmament education, seminars and training (United Nations programme of fellowship on disarmament);
   - World Disarmament Campaign;
   - Other public information activities.

14. Adoption, in an appropriate format, of the document(s) of the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

2. **Date and duration**

19. The special session should be held at United Nations Headquarters between 7 June and 9 July 1982.

3. **President**

20. The Committee considers that, following the practice of previous special sessions, the General Assembly may wish to elect the President of the thirty-sixth session as the President of the special session.
4. **Vice-Presidents**

21. Vice-Presidents of the special session should be the same as at the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, on the understanding that regional groups may make substitutions of Vice-Presidents allocated to each group.

5. **Main Committees**

22. The special session should establish a committee of the whole, a working group on the comprehensive programme of disarmament and as many open-ended groups or subsidiary organs as may be necessary. The Chairman of the committee of the whole should be elected by the General Assembly at its special session. In this connexion, the Committee recommends that at the special session the Assembly should be guided by the procedure of the tenth special session.

6. **Credentials Committee**

23. The Credentials Committee of the special session should be the same as that of the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly.

7. **General Committee**

24. The General Committee of the special session should consist of the President of the special session of the General Assembly, the 21 Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, on the understanding that they may be substituted by members of their delegations or members of the delegations of States belonging to the same regional group, the Chairman of the committee of the whole of the special session and the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament.

8. **Rules of procedure**

25. The rules of procedure of the General Assembly should apply in the special session without amendments, on the understanding that, regarding the adoption of decisions by the Assembly at the special session, every effort should be made to ensure that, in so far as possible, decisions on matters of substance will be adopted by consensus.

9. **Level of representation**

26. It would be desirable that Member States be represented at the special session at the highest possible political level.
10. Public information activities

27. The Committee recommends the adoption of the programme of public information activities submitted by the Secretariat (A/AC.206/18) on the understanding that, in so far as possible, such activities should be carried out within the regular budgets of the Department of Public Information and of the Centre for Disarmament of the Secretariat.

11. Role of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutions

28. The Committee recommends that non-governmental organizations concerned with disarmament and peace and disarmament research institutions should be accorded the same facilities at the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament as those which they had received at the first special session. However, in view of the importance of world public opinion for progress in disarmament, it is expected that even a greater spectrum of non-governmental organizations and their leaders will participate in the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. With regard to oral statements, the Ad Hoc NGO Liaison Group of the two NGO disarmament committees at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters would make an appropriate speakers' list of representatives of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutions. This would be transmitted to the Preparatory Committee, through its Chairman, at its final session for appropriate recommendation to the special session.

B. Future work of the Preparatory Committee

29. The Preparatory Committee should hold one final session from 26 April to 14 May 1982 to continue consideration of substantive issues related to the special session, including the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Assembly at its tenth special session, for incorporation in the document(s) to be adopted at the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and any remaining organizational and procedural matters.

IV. ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

30. Pursuant to resolution 35/47 of 3 December 1980, the Preparatory Committee submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report 2/ including its recommendations on questions relating to the special session. At its 91st meeting, the Assembly adopted resolution 36/81 A of 9 December 1981, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Endorses the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament and the recommendations contained therein for the special session, to be held between 7 June and 9 July 1982 at United Nations Headquarters in New York; 3/

"2. Endorses also the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee to meet in New York for the period from 26 April to 14 May 1982 in order to continue consideration of substantive issues related to the special session, including the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session, for incorporation in the document or documents to be adopted at the second special session on disarmament and any remaining organizational and procedural matters;

"3. Expresses its appreciation to the members of the Preparatory Committee for their constructive contribution to its work;

"4. Invites Member States to submit to the Secretary-General, not later than 31 March 1982, further views on the substantive issues related to the special session, including the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session;

"5. Requests all Member States engaged in bilateral, regional or multilateral negotiations on disarmament issues outside the framework of the United Nations to submit appropriate information on such negotiations to the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 27 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session on disarmament, before its second special session on disarmament;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to render the Preparatory Committee all necessary assistance for the completion of its work."

V. WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1982

31. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 36/81 A, the Preparatory Committee held one substantive session from 26 April to 14 May 1982. During this session, the Committee held ______ meetings.

32. The proceedings of the Committee, including the views expressed by delegations, are contained in the summary records of the fourth session (A/AC.206/SR.30-____).

3/ See para. 19 above.
33. At its 36th meeting on 30 April 1982, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended working group on the Review of the Implementation of the Recommendations and Decisions of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. The Committee elected Ambassador A. P. Venkateswaran of India as Chairman of the Working Group. The Working Group held four meetings. The Working Group had before it a number of substantive contributions on the review presented on behalf of individual delegations or groups of delegations. The Working Group decided to set up an open-ended drafting group which met from 6 to 11 May to consider to working papers before it. During the short period available to it, the Drafting Group put together a composite working paper which incorporates all the elements contained in the different working papers presented to the Working Group as well as a number of written and oral submissions, amendments, additions and re-formulations offered by delegations or groups of delegations during the course of the drafting work. At its 38th meeting on 12 May 1982, the Preparatory Committee heard a report on the work of the Working Group presented by its Chairman and took note of the composite paper submitted to it with the understanding that this composite paper which covers every aspect of the Final Document of the special session on disarmament has been prepared with the aim of assisting the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, thus may be subsequently enriched by contributions from delegations during the special session itself, and consequently, does not prejudge the position of any delegation in any point. Subsequently, the Committee decided to recommend that the composite paper should be annexed to this report (see annex ____).

34. At its 36th meeting on 30 April 1982, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended informal working group to help prepare for the consideration of the comprehensive programme on disarmament at the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. The Committee elected Ambassador D. L. Hepburn of the Bahamas as Chairman of the informal working group. Subsequently, a contact group was established within the informal working group. The informal working group as well as its contact group held a number of meetings. At the 38th meeting of the Committee on 12 May 1982, the Chairman of the informal working group on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament reported on the work of the Informal Working Group and submitted a document entitled "Commentary of the Informal Working Group on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament". The Committee took note of that document and decided that it should be annexed to this report (see annex ____).

35. In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee at its first meeting, the representatives of the Holy See and Ireland, as well as the representatives of Chile, Switzerland, Thailand, and Viet Nam, participated in the work of the Committee at its fourth session (see para. 8 above).

36. In addition, the representatives of IAEA and UNESCO, as well as the representatives of FAO and WHO, participated in the work of the Committee at its fourth session (see para. 10 above).

VI. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1982

37. During the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee, in 1982, the following documents were submitted:
(a) Revised text of a working paper entitled "Principal objectives of international co-operation for speedier practical progress of disarmament negotiations", submitted by Czechoslovakia (A/AC.206/11/Rev.1);

(b) A report of the Secretary-General entitled "Views of Member States on the preparations for the second special session" (A/AC.206/19 and Add.1 and 2);

(c) A working paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled "Public information activities concerning disarmament since the tenth special session of the General Assembly held in 1978" (A/AC.206/21).

VII. DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

38. At its thirty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to transmit the following documents to the General Assembly at its second special session devoted to disarmament:

(a) General Assembly resolution 35/147 entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East";

(b) General Assembly resolution 36/87 B entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East";

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on a World Disarmament Campaign (A/36/458);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Study on the relationship between disarmament and development" (A/36/356 and Corr.1);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Programme of research and studies on disarmament" (A/36/654);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Study of the institutional arrangements relating to the process of disarmament" (A/36/392);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Confidence-building measures" (A/36/474 and Corr.1);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Study on all the aspects of regional disarmament" (A/35/416);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Views of Member States on the study on all the aspects of regional disarmament" (A/36/343 and Add.1);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Study on the relationship between disarmament and international security" (A/36/597);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Israeli nuclear armament" (A/36/431).
39. In addition to the report of the Preparatory Committee to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, the General Assembly, at its special session on disarmament, will have before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Views of Member States on the Prevention of nuclear war";

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the reduction of military budgets;

(c) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in South Asia";

(d) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean;

(e) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference;

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Programme of fellowships on disarmament;

(g) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(h) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Views of Member States on the study of a World Disarmament Campaign";

(i) Report of the Committee on Disarmament;

(j) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Views of Member States on the study on the relationship between disarmament and development;"

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on a world-wide action for collecting signatures in support of measures to prevent nuclear war, to curb the arms race and for disarmament;

(l) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Views of Member States on the study on institutional arrangements relating to the process of disarmament";

(m) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Views of Member States on the study on the relationship between disarmament and in international security".

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1982

40. At its 37th meeting, on 10 May 1982, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should hold, at its special session, a general debate in plenary from the morning of 8 June to the afternoon of 23 June 1982.

41. At its meeting on 12 May 1982, the Committee decided to recommend that, regarding the allocation of items on the provisional agenda, while items 1 to 8 and 14 will be dealt with by the plenary itself, the General Assembly should allocate items 9 to 13 to the Committee of the Whole which would be entrusted with the task of considering all the proposals presented during the special session and reporting to the General Assembly.

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42. At its 37th meeting, on 10 May 1982, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the committee of the whole (see para. 22 above) should have a 15-member bureau, consisting of a Chairman, 13 Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

43. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the committee of the whole should begin its work on 8 June 1982 to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

44. At its 31st meeting on 27 April 1982, the Committee decided to recommend that the Director-General of UNESCO should be invited to address the plenary of the second special session.

45. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the Director General of IAEA should be invited to address the plenary of the second special session.

46. Also at the same meeting, the Committee recommended that the Executive Director of UNEP address the plenary to present to the General Assembly the report of the Secretary-General on the "Historical responsibility of States for the preservation of nature for present and future generations".

47. At its 39th meeting on 12 May 1982, the Committee decided to recommend that the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme be invited to address the plenary of the second special session.

48. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that, in the course of the meetings of the committee of the whole, an opportunity should be given to hear statements by the representative of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues and the representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

49. At its 36th meeting, on 30 April, the Committee, bearing in mind the recommendations adopted at its third session (see para. 28 above), decided to recommend that four meetings of the committee of the whole should be allocated to hear oral statements from non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutions and that the days reserved for this purpose should be the mornings and afternoons of 24 and 25 June 1982, the first days available at the end of the general debate. It was also decided that the time allotted to each speaker representing a non-governmental organization or peace and disarmament research institution should not exceed 10 minutes, in order to ensure that the committee of the whole would hear testimony from the 56 non-governmental organizations and 17 peace and disarmament research institutions selected by the Ad Hoc Liaison Group of the two NGO disarmament committees at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters contained in [annex ____ or document ____].
50. At its 39th meeting on 12 May 1982, the Committee in addition to the Working Group on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament (see para. 22 above) decided to recommend that another working group be established by the special session as early as possible on the Review of the Implementation of the Recommendations and Decisions of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament with the understanding that the committee of the whole would establish additional working groups as necessary.