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

VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER RELEVANT
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1. The third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament is of particular importance for Luxembourg.

2. Firstly, it will take place in a context currently characterized by concrete efforts to reduce the level of armament and the risks of conflicts in the world. Secondly, it is vital that a meeting dealing with the totality of disarmament questions should be held within the framework of the United Nations and thus be of universal character and scope.

3. A favourable international climate, the possibility of involving all countries which play a leading role in the peace-making process today, together with a global approach to the problems of disarmament inherent in the theme of this special session are certainly important elements, but this is not enough. There are a number of other prerequisites for a positive outcome to the session.

4. In addition to the preparatory phase, the importance of which should be underscored, the multilateral and even universal character of the process initiated at this session is crucial. While it will hardly be a suitable forum for specific negotiations on disarmament questions, this session should nevertheless permit all nations to state their concerns, raise all legitimate questions and make suggestions which they deem useful for dealing with the problems encountered in disarmament since the first special session.

5. Luxembourg remains convinced that the progress of the session and its success will be considerably facilitated if the discussion focuses on the identification of points of convergence.

6. Being convinced that disarmament is an essential prerequisite for the restoration and preservation of peace in the world, Luxembourg will contribute within its modest means to the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, so that the session may bring our countries closer to the objective of universal, substantial and verifiable disarmament.

7. Luxembourg suggests the inclusion of the following items, among others, in the agenda of the session:

   (a) Evaluation of the current situation in the field of disarmament and prospects for peace;

   (b) Nuclear disarmament;

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(c) Conventional disarmament;

(d) Universal prohibition of chemical weapons, with consideration of the work of the Conference on Disarmament;

(e) Prevention of an arms race in outer space;

(f) Scope of confidence-building measures;

(g) Verification of agreements;

(h) Reduction of military budgets and means envisaged to ensure objective information on military questions and to achieve greater transparency;

(i) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies in the field of disarmament;

(j) Consideration and adoption of realistic proposals and recommendations aimed at promoting the achievement of concrete objectives in the field of arms control and disarmament.