GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Complementary set of conclusions and recommendations on the study
on the relationship between disarmament and international security
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1. A main purpose of this study, decided upon by the General Assembly at its first
special session on disarmament, is to promote progress on disarmament through
international security. Such progress would substantially enhance the security of
all nations. Hence the interrelationship between disarmament and international
security.

2. The fundamental importance of this interrelationship was clearly recognized in
the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly of the
United Nations. In stating the principle that peace and security "can only be
created through the effective implementation of the security system provided for in
the Charter of the United Nations and the speedy and substantial reduction of arms
and armed forces by international agreement and mutual example ...", the Final
Document sets out in appropriate sequence the two essential elements for peace and
security, and enunciates the essence of the interrelationship between disarmament
and international security. The necessary implication is that there can be no
effective progress on disarmament without the implementation of the Charter system
of international security and, conversely, that there can be no comprehensive
international security without a halt in the arms race and disarmament.

3. These two objectives for international security and disarmament should be
proceeded with together, by co-operation in parallel efforts towards peace in a
world of order and security.

4. In face of the present situation regarding the arms race, the objective of the
study should be to seek the rational and possible means of overcoming it through
the functions of the United Nations.

5. As spelt out in chapter II of the study, the Charter of the United Nations
provides the basic framework for the relationship between disarmament and
international security. Referring to Article I, paragraph 1 of the Charter, which specifies the first purpose of the United Nations to be the maintenance of international peace and security, the study emphasizes that the principal means to realize this purpose is through "effective collective measures" for the prevention and removal of threats to peace and the suppression of acts of aggression, which are to be taken by decision of the Security Council. They are to be made effective, if necessary, through enforcement action.

6. Chapter VI of the study, in paragraph 9, spells out the enforcement measures. It refers to the undertaking by Member States, under Article 43 of the Charter, to make available to the Security Council on its call, and in accordance with special agreements, armed forces as necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security, adding that the agreements shall be negotiated and concluded on the initiative of the Security Council as soon as possible.

7. Compliance with these cardinal provisions of the Charter should be accorded primary consideration and action and is strongly recommended by the study. For, indeed, upon it rests the validity and effectiveness of the decisions of the Security Council resulting in an improved climate of security and peace.

8. Clearly, the Charter of the United Nations sets out the pattern of an effective international system for the maintenance of peace and security. When applied, it will greatly facilitate effective progress on disarmament.