The General Assembly,

Recalling that under the Charter the United Nations is responsible for considering the principles governing disarmament and the regulation of armaments and for making recommendations with regard to such principles,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 1378 (XIV),

Noting with regret that negotiations on disarmament have not yielded the expected positive results,

Recognising that general and complete disarmament requires the maintenance of international law and order in a disarmed world by strengthened international peacekeeping machinery within the United Nations,

1. Reaffirms its hope that measures leading toward the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control will be worked out in detail and agreed upon in the shortest possible time;

2. Concludes that the final goal of a programme of general and complete disarmament under effective international control must be to achieve:

(a) Reduction of all national armed forces and armaments to levels required for internal security and for the provision of agreed contingents to an international peace force within the United Nations;

(b) Elimination of delivery systems of all weapons of mass destruction;

(c) Elimination of all weapons of mass destruction, nuclear, chemical and bacteriological;

(d) The use of outer space for peaceful purposes only;

(e) The establishment of effective means for verification of the observance of disarmament obligations and for the maintenance of peace;

(f) The achievement of a secure, free and open world, in which all peoples are protected from the dangers of surprise attack or the outbreak of war by miscalculation;

3. Recommends that the following principles should guide disarmament negotiations:

(a) Disarmament should be carried out progressively with measures to be completed as rapidly as possible within specified periods of time;

(b) Transition from one stage to the next shall be initiated when the measures in the preceding stage have been satisfactorily implemented, provided that effective verification is continuing and that any additional verification arrangements required for measures in the next stage have been agreed and are ready to operate effectively;

(c) Nuclear and conventional measures of disarmament must be so balanced that no country or group of countries will obtain, at any stage, a significant military advantage and that equal security for all will be maintained and thus international confidence progressively increased;

(d) Compliance with all disarmament obligations must be effectively verified throughout by an international disarmament organization within the framework of the United Nations to ensure that compliance with these obligations is verified from their entry into force; such verification should include the capability to ascertain not only that reductions of armed forces and armaments in agreed amounts take place, but also that retained armed forces and armaments do not exceed agreed levels at any stage;

(e) Provisions in respect of international control and verification shall form an integral part of any agreement on disarmament;

(f) General and complete disarmament must start with those measures which are capable of early implementation under effective international control and are compatible with paragraph 3 (e) above;

4. Urges that negotiations be resumed as soon as possible on the basis of this resolution.