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World Disarmament Campaign

Report of the Secretary-General

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1. The General Assembly, at its tenth special session, the first special session devoted to disarmament, stressed the importance of mobilizing world public opinion on behalf of disarmament. To achieve this, the organization and financing of a World Disarmament Campaign under the auspices of the United Nations was proposed as an initial step in that direction (see A/36/458).

2. In the past, the Philippines has expressed concern over the escalating tensions among the global Powers of the world that have resulted in the recent trend towards an increased international military build-up. As an indication of its concern, the Philippines, together with other nations, became a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty which represented the position taken by some nations on the question of the creation and storage of nuclear weapons. By supporting the stand against nuclear weaponry, the Philippines has in effect committed itself to the goal of limiting the build-up of sophisticated weaponry in the world.

3. The actions taken by the Philippines clearly indicate its position in the movement for disarmament and its support for any step taken in this direction. Thus, the Philippines endorses the proposed World Disarmament Campaign, for not only does such a campaign embody a position to which we have committed ourselves in the past, but our support for this movement signifies our determination to respond as a responsible nation in the global community to a situation which threatens not only our own survival but that of the entire world.