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MEASURES TO MOBILIZE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IN FAVOUR OF DISARMAMENT

World-wide action for collecting signatures in support of measures to prevent nuclear war, to curb the arms race and for disarmament

Report of the Secretary-General

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REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

MONGOLIA

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[11 June 1982]

1. The world public is making a major contribution to the joint effort to eliminate the threat of war, limit and halt the arms race and attain the goals of disarmament. In the Final Document of its first special session devoted to disarmament the General Assembly, reaffirming the importance of mobilizing world public opinion in favour of disarmament, stressed the need for specific measures to involve governmental and non-governmental organizations actively and extensively in spreading the popular movement for peace and disarmament. It also stressed the need to link the world popular movement closely to United Nations activities.

2. The Mongolian People's Republic believes that world public opinion is acquiring special status and importance in the light of the current strained international situation, which makes it urgently necessary to encourage efforts in every direction that can promote the cause of disarmament.

3. The proposals contained in resolutions adopted at the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly with regard to the collection of signatures in support of measures to prevent nuclear war, to curb the arms race and for disarmament (resolution 36/96 J) and the World Disarmament Campaign (resolution 36/96 C) represent specific measures to put the relevant provisions of the Final Document into practice.

4. A World Disarmament Campaign under United Nations auspices could help to reach even more people at different levels of society and would closely link the struggle of the world public to United Nations activities.

5. Mongolia supports the aims and purposes of the World Campaign as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General (A/36/458). It considers it important to base the Campaign on the relevant recommendations in the Final Document and the significant experience that has been acquired during their implementation in recent years; it agrees in particular with the view expressed in the report, that Disarmament Week could be taken as the most suitable occasion every year for concerted activities by the United Nations system, Member States and non-governmental organizations.

6. The World Disarmament Campaign must be funded, as far as possible, by making full use of existing United Nations resources.

1/ The present reply applies also to the World Disarmament Campaign (see A/S-12/14 and addenda).
7. In our view, world-wide action for collecting signatures in support of measures to prevent nuclear war, to curb the arms race and for disarmament could be organized as part of the world disarmament campaign. As a sponsor of the resolution on this issue adopted at the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, Mongolia bases its belief on the fact that this important undertaking would represent a tangible embodiment of the World Campaign and would stimulate the world-wide popular movement for the limitation of the arms race and for disarmament.

8. The most desirable procedure, in our view, would be to collect the signatures under a single appeal, which might be formulated on the basis of documents already adopted by the United Nations in the sphere of disarmament.

9. Such an appeal might be sent to all States, so that action could be carried out in each individual country with due regard for its own specific circumstances and traditions.

VIET NAM

[Original: English]

[10 June 1982]

1. The present international situation is most critical: the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, is being stepped up, new systems of mass destruction weapons are being manufactured and deployed.

2. Concerted efforts of the international community are required to stop the nuclear war, halt the arms race and promote disarmament so as to defend peace and international security, and further the economic and social development of nations.

3. The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam always welcomes and supports constructive initiatives and activities aiming at achieving these noble goals. Consequently, it gives full support to General Assembly resolution 36/92 J and considers that all initiatives which mobilize world public opinion for peace and disarmament should be widely supported.

4. The collection of signatures should be organized simultaneously in all countries, suitable to the conditions of respective countries, under the same appeal concentrated on the objectives of disarmament and under the auspices of the United Nations with the participation of non-governmental and other mass organizations.

5. Where circumstances permitted these activities could be combined with those of the world disarmament campaign under resolution 36/92 C of the United Nations General Assembly.

6. For its part the Government of Viet Nam will take an active part in these activities for peace and disarmament.