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Agenda item 9

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS
TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia

Report of the Secretary-General

1. On 9 December 1981, the General Assembly adopted resolution 36/88, the
operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Reaffirms its endorsement, in principle, of the concept of a
nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

"2. Urges once again the States of South Asia and such other
neighbouring non-nuclear-weapon States as may be interested to continue to
make all possible efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South
Asia and to refrain, in the meantime, from any action contrary to this
objective;

"3. Calls upon those nuclear-weapon States which have not done so to
respond positively to this proposal and to extend the necessary co-operation
in the efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance as may be
required to promote the efforts for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free
zone in South Asia and to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its
second special session devoted to disarmament as well as at its thirty-seventh
session;
"5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled 'Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia'."

2. The Secretary-General has been in contact with the States of the South Asian region with regard to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 36/88. He wishes to inform the Assembly that there has been no request by the States concerned for his assistance in connexion with the subject. In the course of those contacts, a view was expressed to the Secretary-General that he should continue to be available for this purpose.