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II. Objectives

1. The immediate objectives of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament should be to [eliminate] [avert] the danger of war, in particular nuclear war, the prevention of which remains the most acute and urgent task of the present day, to implement measures to halt and reverse the arms race, in particular the nuclear arms race, and to clear the path towards lasting peace. To this end, the Programme will also aim:

   - to maintain and further the momentum generated by the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

   - to initiate or engage in further negotiations, to expedite the halting of the arms race in all its aspects, in particular the nuclear arms race;

   - to consolidate and develop the results reflected in agreements and treaties achieved so far, relevant to the problems of disarmament;

   - to open and accelerate the process of genuine disarmament on an internationally agreed basis.

2. The ultimate objective of the Comprehensive Programme is to ensure that general and complete disarmament under effective international control becomes a reality in a world in which international peace and security prevail and in which the new international economic order is fully achieved.

3. Throughout the implementation of the Programme towards the progressive reduction and final elimination of armaments and armed forces, the following objectives should be pursued:
- to strengthen international peace and security, as well as the security of individual States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

- to contribute to the safeguarding of the sovereignty and independence of all States;

- to make, through the implementation of the Programme, an effective contribution to the economic and social development of States, in particular developing States;

- to increase international confidence and relaxation of international tension;

- to establish international relations based on peaceful coexistence and trust between all States, and to develop broad international co-operation and understanding with a view to promoting conditions favourable to the implementation of the Programme;

- [to stimulate in all countries the contribution that public opinion could make to the cause of disarmament] [to mobilize world public opinion on behalf of disarmament] [to mobilize world public opinion on behalf of disarmament through information, education and furthering understanding in all regions of the world in a balanced and objective manner] [to mobilize world public opinion on behalf of disarmament through information, education and further understanding in all regions of the world] [to mobilize world public opinion in all regions of the world in favour of disarmament in conformity with the above-mentioned objectives] [to mobilize world public opinion on behalf of disarmament with the objectives of informing, educating and generating understanding and support for the efforts to halt the arms race and achieve disarmament] [to mobilize world public opinion on behalf of disarmament in all regions of the world] [on a universal basis, generate public understanding of and stimulate/mobilize world-wide support for disarmament, through balanced, objective and factual information concerning armaments and through education for disarmament] [to mobilize world public opinion in favour of disarmament, through balanced, factual and objective information and education in all regions of the world, so as to generate further understanding and support for the efforts to halt the arms race and achieve disarmament].