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ENHANCEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MACHINERY IN THE FIELD
OF DISARMAMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE
CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Note verbale dated 23 June 1982 from the Permanent
Mission of France to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of France presents its compliments to the Secretariat of
the United Nations and has the honour to request that it arrange for the attached
proposal on the status of the Centre for Disarmament to be distributed as a
document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly under agenda
item 12.
ANNEX

Centre for Disarmament

1. In view of the central role and the prime responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and the expansion of the activities of the Centre for Disarmament which should follow from the tasks to be entrusted to it by the present special session, the resources of the Centre for Disarmament must be increased and its powers altered accordingly, taking particular account of the special role of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in the field of research and studies:

(a) In order to take account of the possibilities offered by the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies and programmes, the Centre must ensure that activities relating to disarmament and international security, including those touching on information and research, are co-ordinated more effectively.

(b) The results achieved and any difficulties encountered in this connexion must be the subject of regular communications to the General Assembly.

(c) The Centre's status within the Secretariat must be altered so that in future it is commensurate with the role entrusted to the United Nations in the field of disarmament.

2. To this end, the Secretary-General is requested to create a new Secretariat department headed by an Under-Secretary-General.