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Agenda item 12

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

Letter dated 24 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative
of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of
the Ad Hoc Committee of the Twelfth Special Session

I have the honour to transmit herewith three proposals, relating to the
Committee on Disarmament, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and
the Advisory Board on Disarmament Research and Information.

I would be grateful if the proposals could be circulated as a document of the
twelfth special session of the General Assembly under agenda item 12.

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ANNEX

A. Committee on Disarmament

1. The Committee on Disarmament should remain the single multilateral negotiating body in the field of disarmament, taking its decisions on the basis of consensus. Its membership should be expanded to allow countries with special interest to become members. Such an expansion should be compatible with the requirements entailed by its role as a negotiating forum. The new members are to be chosen in consultation with the President of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

B. United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

2. Bearing in mind resolution 36/97 D concerning institutional arrangements relating to the process of disarmament, the second special session devoted to Disarmament should decide to make UNIDIR an autonomous United Nations Institute within the United Nations framework, keeping a close relationship with the United Nations Secretariat and with headquarters in Geneva.

3. The Institute should undertake independent research on disarmament and security related substantive issues. It should also produce factual papers in co-operation with the United Nations Secretariat. The Advisory Board on Disarmament Research and Information should review and approve the programme of studies and research of the institute.

C. Advisory Board on Disarmament Research and Information

4. The membership should be maintained on a balanced and equitable geographical basis. The Board should meet once or twice a year. Its four main functions should be:

(a) To render advice to the Secretary-General on the establishment of studies and research under the auspices of the United Nations or institutions of the United Nations system;

(b) To serve as a scientific board for UNIDIR, and thus review and approve the Institute's annual programme;

(c) To advise the Secretary-General on any matter within the area of disarmament and arms limitation on which the Secretary-General specifically requests such advice;

(d) To assess activities undertaken in connexion with the World Disarmament Campaign.