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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

Note verbale dated 24 June 1982 from the Permanent Mission of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments
to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to request that the
enclosed proposal, relating to the composition of the Committee on Disarmament, be
distributed as a document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly
under agenda item 12.
ANNEX

Composition of the Committee on Disarmament

1. Paragraph 120 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly stipulates that the composition of the Committee on Disarmament be reviewed at regular intervals.

2. In accordance with the provisions of resolution 36/97 J adopted last year at the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, the first review of the composition of the Committee on Disarmament should be completed during the present special session.

3. Paragraph 28 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session reminds all States of their duty to contribute to efforts in the field of disarmament and of their right to participate on an equal footing in multilateral disarmament negotiations.

4. Modalities of the review of the membership of the Committee on Disarmament have been dealt with, so far inconclusively, in the Committee. A number of delegations expressed their views in favour of an increase in the Committee's membership. Some non-member States have formally informed the Committee of their interest in joining it.

5. With the above considerations and increased interest in the Committee's work in mind, it would be appropriate to conclude that the membership of the Committee should be reasonably expanded during this special session following appropriate consultations among interested States.

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