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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE
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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 Representative of
the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of
the Ad Hoc Committee of the Twelfth Special Session

The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United
Nations presents his compliments to the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the
Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly and has the honour to transmit
herewith, for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Committee, a proposal on the
structure of the Committee on Disarmament. The proposed text could form part of
the final documentation of the twelfth special session.

It would be appreciated if the annex of this note would be circulated as an
official document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly under
agenda item 12.
ANNEX

Proposal on the structure of the Committee on Disarmament

1. It was considered that, although the Committee on Disarmament is master of its own procedures, it would be advantageous for this main multilateral disarmament body to have more time available for its negotiations on the different items on its agenda.

2. It is therefore recommended that the Committee on Disarmament should consider the possibility of being in session the year around, so as to be able to cope adequately with its tasks. The secretariat of the Committee on Disarmament, consisting of members of the Centre for Disarmament, must be able to service the Committee at all times.

3. It is also recommended that the Committee on Disarmament should improve its working-structure, for example to enable its working groups to work more efficiently and more independently, and to make fuller use of expertise.