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REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

ENHANCING 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 27 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations presents his
compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to
transmit herewith a working paper concerning amendments in the document to be
elaborated on the basis of the composite paper as contained in supplement No. 1
(A/S-12/1) Annex I.

He would be grateful to the Secretary-General if he would have the text of the
working paper circulated as an official document of the twelfth special session of
the General Assembly under the relevant items of the agenda.
ANNEX

Proposed amendments in the document to be elaborated on the basis of the composite paper as contained in supplement No. 1 (A/S-12/1) Annex I

Working paper submitted by the delegation of Sweden

1. Add the following after the first sentence of paragraph 41:

Verification shall serve both the purpose of ensuring compliance with international agreements and that of alleviating unfounded suspicions of non-compliance. An important tool in that respect is the concept of "verification by challenge".

2. Add the following new paragraph after paragraph 73:

Environmental effects of the arms race

The human environment would greatly benefit from an international atmosphere of peace and security, free from threats of war, especially nuclear war, and the waste of intellectual and natural resources on armaments. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General in co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programme to undertake continuing assessment, monitoring and evaluation of the impact of military activities on the environment.

3. Add the following new paragraph after paragraph 102:

Naval arms race

In this connexion more attention must be given to the serious problems presented by the naval arms race. It will lead to an increasing military presence on a global scale. Furthermore, developments in anti-submarine warfare capabilities may lead to technological break-throughs which could have destabilizing effects and thereby increase the risk of outbreak of nuclear war.

4. Add the following after the last sentence of paragraph 112:

The work carried out by the Secretary-General with the assistance of qualified experts with the aim of elaborating methods for the comparison of military expenditures should be continued.

5. Replace paragraph 164 by the following two paragraphs:

The General Assembly decides in principle to establish a United Nations Disarmament Agency. The Secretary-General shall submit a concrete proposal to the thirty-eighth session regarding the practical implementation, organization and staffing of such an agency, bearing in mind, inter alia, that the agency should
have sufficient resources, that it should have an independent position within the United Nations system, that it should have a governing body elected by the General Assembly and adequate regular funding to be able to undertake the work requested by Member States, and that it should report directly to the Assembly.

As a first step towards an independent disarmament agency within the United Nations framework the Centre for Disarmament shall be transformed into a Department for Disarmament Affairs within the United Nations Secretariat.

6. **Add the following after paragraph 188(e):**

f) A study on the problem of constructing price indexes and purchasing-power parities for the military expenditures of States as recommended in paragraph 10 of the report of the Secretary-General of 6 May 1982 regarding reduction of military budgets (A/S-12/7).