Twelfth special session  
Agenda item 9  

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

Note verbale dated 9 July 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General  

The Permanent Representative of Socialist Ethiopia to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a message addressed to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament from the participants of the International Seminar on Student Action for Peace and National Liberation, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 7 to 9 July 1982, co-sponsored by the International Union of Students, All-African Students Union, the General Union of Arab Students, the Continental Organization of Latin American Students and the Revolutionary Ethiopia Youth Association.  

The Permanent Representative further has the honour to request the Secretary-General to have the text of this message circulated as an official document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly under agenda item 9.
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Message from the participants in the International Seminar on "Student Actions for Peace, Disarmament, National and Social Liberation in the Peoples' Struggle for a Better World" addressed to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

1. We, the participants in the international seminar on "Student Actions for Peace, Disarmament, National and Social Liberation in the Peoples' Struggle for a Better World", representing millions of students throughout the world, wish to express our deep concern over the continuing deterioration of the international situation and the threat to world peace. It is our conviction that the reason behind this is the intensification of the arms race, especially in the nuclear field, and the establishing of new United States military bases in different parts of the world, particularly in Africa.

2. We condemn particularly the policy of the United States Administration, which is designed to enable that country to acquire military superiority.

3. This inhuman policy of the arms race diverts enormous intellectual, material and financial resources which are needed so much for solving the many burning problems facing mankind such as hunger, illiteracy, disease, protection of the environment, etc. The unprecedented acceleration of the arms race goes hand in hand with the strengthening of the military alliances between imperialism and reactionary régimes with the aim of halting the advance of the national liberation movements and the popular forces, as well as destabilizing the progressive régimes and aborting the gains of their peoples.

4. The participants in the Seminar welcome any steps that may lead to the curbing of the arms race. To this effect, we support the idea of the freezing of the nuclear weapons potential at their present level and the moratorium of the Soviet Union on the stationing of medium-range nuclear weapons. We also support and appreciate the unilateral decision announced during the special session by the USSR not to use nuclear weapons first. We express our sincere hope that other nuclear-weapon States will take an analogous decision, which practically excludes the possibility of a nuclear war.

5. We hope that the second special session devoted to disarmament will take a step forward in our efforts to maintain and strengthen world peace.