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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

India and Mexico: draft resolution

Prevention of nuclear war

The General Assembly,

Gravely concerned by the continuing threat to the survival of mankind posed by
the existence of nuclear weapons and the arms race,

Reaffirming that removal of the danger of a world war, in particular nuclear
war, is the most acute and urgent task of the present day,

Bearing in mind the special responsibility of nuclear-weapon States in this
regard,

Reiterating that it is the shared responsibility of all Member States to
initiate action to save succeeding generations from nuclear war,

Recalling the provisions of paragraphs 47 to 50 and paragraphs 56 to 58 of the
Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly regarding
procedures designed to secure the avoidance of nuclear war,

Declaring the unacceptability of nuclear war, which would cause the
destruction of not only the peoples of the warring States but also the peoples of
all other States,
Seeking to ensure the survival of mankind through avoidance of nuclear war,

Stressing the vital importance of maximum self-restraint in the conduct of States, in particular nuclear-weapon States, and of the scrupulous observance by all States of well-established humanitarian laws and principles as well as Article 2, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Conscious that public opinion worldwide has been demanding urgent and effective measures for removal of the danger of nuclear war,

1. Takes note of the views submitted by Member States in response to General Assembly resolution 36/81 B of 9 December 1981;

2. Urges those States that have not yet done so to send their replies to the Secretary-General as soon as possible;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a representative group of public persons of great eminence, consisting of statesmen, scientists, physicians, jurists, religious leaders, philosophers and other suitably qualified persons, for the purpose of advising on special measures and procedures - practical, political and legal - designed for the collective control, management and resolution of critical or confrontational situations which could escalate to nuclear war, in addition to those already provided for in the Charter of the United Nations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, a report incorporating the considered views, suggestions and recommendations of the eminent persons mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "Prevention of nuclear war".