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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted, on 15 December 1983, resolution 38/73 I on the convening of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Bearing in mind the decision adopted at its twelfth special session to set, during its thirty-eighth session, the date of the third special session devoted to disarmament, 1/

"Desiring to contribute to the furthering and broadening of positive processes initiated through the laying down of the foundations of an international disarmament strategy at its tenth special session,

"1. Decides that the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament should be held not later than 1988;

"2. Decides also to set, not later than at its fortieth session, the date of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and to make appropriate arrangements concerning the establishment of a preparatory committee for that third special session."

2. At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 39/63 I on 12 December 1984, in the operative paragraph of which it decided to set, at its fortieth session, the date of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and to establish the Preparatory Committee for the third special session.

3. At its fortieth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 40/151 I on 16 December 1985, the operative part of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"Decides to set, at its forty-first session, the date of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and to establish the Preparatory Committee for the third special session."

4. At its forty-first session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 41/60 G on 3 December 1986, the operative part of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

1. Decides to convene its third special session on disarmament in 1988 and to establish an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament;

2. Requests the Preparatory Committee to prepare a draft agenda for the special session, to examine all relevant questions relating to that session and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session its recommendations thereon;

3. Invites all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the third special session on disarmament not later than 1 April 1987;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the replies of Member States relevant to paragraph 3 above to the Preparatory Committee and to render to it all necessary assistance, including the provision of essential background information, relevant documents and summary records;

5. Requests the Preparatory Committee to meet for a short organizational session before the end of the forty-first session of the General Assembly in order, inter alia, to set the date for its substantive session;

6. Further requests the Preparatory Committee to submit its progress report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled: 'Third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament'.

5. In accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 41/60 G, 31 Member States communicated to the Secretary-General their views on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. The replies were circulated in documents A/AC.230/2 and Corr.1 and Add.1-7.
II. WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1986 AND 1987

6. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 41/60 G, the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament held an organizational session at United Nations Headquarters on 5 December 1986. The session was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs.

7. At its meeting, on 5 December, the Committee adopted the agenda for the session as contained in document A/AC.230/1, and decided that its 1987 substantive session should be held from 26 May to 5 June 1987.

8. During its substantive session in 1987, the Preparatory Committee held nine meetings.

9. The Preparatory Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Mansur Ahmad (Pakistan)

Vice-Chairmen: The representatives of the following Member States:

Argentina
Australia
Bahamas
Czechoslovakia
Hungary
Japan
Mongolia
Morocco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Romania
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Togo
Uruguay
Yugoslavia
Zaire

Rapporteur: Mr. Pedro Nuñez-Mosquera (Cuba)

10. At its 3rd meeting, on 26 May 1987, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for the session, as contained in document A/AC.230/3.

11. At its 6th meeting, on 29 May 1987, following the practice of the Preparatory Committees for the first and second special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, the Committee decided to be governed by the relevant parts of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Notwithstanding that decision, it was understood that every effort should be made to ensure that decisions on matters of substance would be adopted by consensus. It was further agreed that, should it prove impossible to secure consensus, the Chairman would then duly inform the Committee, so that the relevant decisions could be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.
12. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee agreed to follow the practice of the Preparatory Committees for the first and second special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament with respect to the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutions. Accordingly, the Preparatory Committee decided that such representatives could be present at meetings of the Committee and that they should provide the Secretariat with lists of communications received from such organizations that were conducting research in the field of disarmament. In addition, the Committee agreed that the organizations concerned should be allowed to make oral statements at one meeting during the next session of the Preparatory Committee. With regard to the representation of those organizations, the Committee agreed that the matter would be decided by the organizations themselves and that their decision would be conveyed to the Chairman of the Committee.

13. Also at its 6th meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to invite the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the specialized agencies interested in disarmament to take part in the work of the Committee as observers.

14. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee further decided to establish an informal open-ended group, chaired by the Chairman of the Committee, for the consideration of issues related both to the future work of the Preparatory Committee and to the third special session itself.
15. At its 10th meeting, on 6 June 1987, the Preparatory Committee decided by consensus to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session the recommendations set forth in paragraphs 16 to 26 below with regard to the organization of work of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and the future work of the Preparatory Committee.

A. Organization of work of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

1. Provisional agenda

16. The Committee recommends the following provisional agenda for the third special session:

1. Opening of the session in accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. 2/

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Credentials of representatives to the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.

5. Organization of the session.


7. Adoption of the agenda.

8. General debate.

9. Review and appraisal of the present international situation, especially in the light of the vital objective of terminating the arms race and the pressing need to achieve substantial progress in the field of disarmament.

2/ Rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that, at the opening of each session of the Assembly, the Chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President for the session.
10. Assessment of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly at its first and second special sessions devoted to disarmament:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;
(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
(c) Resolutions of the General Assembly in the field of arms limitation and disarmament;
(d) Status of negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament in bilateral and various multilateral forums.

11. Consideration and adoption of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament.

12. Assessment of developments and trends, including qualitative and quantitative aspects, relevant to the disarmament process, with a view to the elaboration of appropriate concrete and practical measures and, if necessary, additional principles, taking duly into account the principles and priorities established in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament.


14. United Nations information and educational activities in the field of disarmament, including measures to mobilize world public opinion in favour of disarmament:

(a) World Disarmament Campaign;
(b) Other public information activities.

15. Adoption, in an appropriate format, of the document(s) of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

2. Date and duration

17. It is recommended that the special session should be held at United Nations Headquarters in 1988 prior to the forty-third regular session of the Assembly.

3. President

18. The Preparatory Committee considers that, following the practice of previous special sessions, the General Assembly may wish to elect the President of the

3/ General Assembly resolution S-10/2.
forty-second session as the President of the third special session of the Assembly devoted to disarmament.

4. Vice-Presidents

19. Vice-Presidents of the special session should be the same as at the forty-second regular session of the General Assembly, on the understanding that regional groups may make substitutions of Vice-Presidents allocated to each group.

5. Main Committees

20. The third special session should establish a committee of the whole and as many open-ended groups or subsidiary organs as may be necessary. The Chairman of the committee of the whole should be elected by the General Assembly at its special session. In this connection, the Preparatory Committee recommends that at the special session the Assembly should be guided by the procedure of the twelfth special session.

6. Credentials Committee

21. The Credentials Committee of the special session should be the same as that of the forty-second regular session of the General Assembly.

7. General Committee

22. The General Committee of the special session should consist of the President of the special session of the General Assembly, the 21 Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the forty-second session of the Assembly, on the understanding that they may be substituted by members of their delegations or members of the delegations of States belonging to the same regional group, the Chairman of the committee of the whole of the special session and the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament.

8. Rules of procedure

23. The rules of procedure of the General Assembly should apply in the special session without amendments, on the understanding that, regarding the adoption of decisions by the Assembly at the special session, every effort should be made to ensure that, in so far as possible, decisions on matters of substance will be adopted by consensus.

9. Level of representation

24. It would be desirable that Member States be represented at the special session at the highest possible political level.

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10. Role of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutions

25. The Preparatory Committee recommends that non-governmental organizations concerned with disarmament and peace and disarmament research institutions should be accorded the same facilities at the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament as those which they had received at the first and second special sessions.

B. Future work of the Preparatory Committee

26. It is recommended that the Preparatory Committee should hold its third session from 25 January to 5 February 1988 at United Nations Headquarters, with the understanding that the Preparatory Committee, at that session, would determine the need for any subsequent sessions.
IV. ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS
FORTY-SECOND SESSION

27. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 41/60 G of 3 December 1986, the
Preparatory Committee submitted to the Assembly at its forty-second session a
report that included its recommendations on questions relating to the special
session. 4/ At its 84th plenary meeting, the Assembly adopted resolution 42/40 of
30 November 1987, the operative part of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Decides that the third special session of the General Assembly
devoted to disarmament shall be held from 31 May to 25 June 1988 at United
Nations Headquarters in New York;

"2. Endorses the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third
Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament and the
recommendations contained therein;

"3. Endorses also the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee that
it meet in New York from 25 January to 5 February 1988 in order to consider
substantive issues related to the session for incorporation in the document or
documents to be adopted at the third special session devoted to disarmament,
and any remaining organizational and procedural matters, with the
understanding that the Preparatory Committee, at that session, would determine
the need for a subsequent session;

"4. Expresses its appreciation to the members of the Preparatory
Committee for their constructive contribution to its work;

"5. Requests the Preparatory Committee to submit its final report to the
General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament;

"6. Requests all Member States engaged in bilateral, regional or
multilateral negotiations on disarmament issues outside the framework of the
United Nations to submit appropriate information on such negotiations to the
General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 27 of the Final Document of the
Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly 5/ before the third special
session devoted to disarmament;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare necessary documentation,
including background material, as may be requested by the Preparatory
Committee for the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to
disarmament;

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session,
Supplement No. 46 (A/42/46).

5/ Resolution S-10/2.
"8. Requests the Secretary-General to render to the Preparatory Committee all necessary assistance for the completion of its work;

"9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session an item entitled 'Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament'."
V. WORK OF THE PREPARATORIY COMMITTEE IN 1988

28. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 42/40, the Preparatory Committee held its third session from 25 January to 5 February 1988. During this session, the Committee held 10 meetings.

29. At its 11th meeting, on 25 January 1988, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for the session as contained in document A/AC.230/4. The proceedings of the Committee, including the views expressed by delegations, are contained in the summary records of the session (A/AC.230/SR.11-20).

30. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to hold a general exchange of views on substantive aspects of the work to be carried out at the third special session, followed by a consideration of specific elements to be dealt with under the substantive items of the provisional agenda of that session (A/AC.230/SR.12-14 and 16-18). On the basis of the views expressed by delegations during those discussions, the Chairman prepared an informal paper, which was considered by the Committee at a series of informal meetings. A wide range of views was expressed and a number of proposals were made with respect to the Chairman's paper. The Committee agreed to transmit the Chairman's paper to the third special session, without prejudice to the position of any delegation. (For the text of the Chairman's paper, see the annex to the present report.)

31. In accordance with the request of the Preparatory Committee at its 11th meeting, the Secretariat submitted a list of resolutions adopted at the forty-second session of the General Assembly relating to the work of the third special session devoted to disarmament (A/AC.230/5 and Corr.1).

32. At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 27 January 1988, the Preparatory Committee heard a joint statement by a representative of the Special Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Disarmament at Geneva and the NGO Committee on Disarmament at United Nations Headquarters, as well as statements by representatives of the following non-governmental organizations and peace research institutes: Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Disarmament at United Nations Headquarters, Centre for Defence Information, Soviet Peace Committee, Bread for Brethren, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Global Education Associates, Hungarian Peace Council, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies, Parliamentarians for Global Action, Pax Christi International Catholic Peace Movement, Rissho Kosei-Kai: New York Buddhist Center, United Town Organization, World Association for World Federation, World Citizens Assembly, World Federation of Trade Unions, World Peace Council and Universal Esperanto Association.
VI. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1988

33. At its third session, the Preparatory Committee decided to submit to the General Assembly at its special session the additional recommendations set forth in paragraphs 34 to 43 below.

A. Provisional agenda

34. At its 11th meeting, on 25 January 1988, the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 42/45 of 30 November 1987, included in the provisional agenda of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament an additional item entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development, in the light of the action programme adopted at the International Conference". Accordingly, the Committee recommends the following provisional agenda for the special session:

1. Opening of the session in accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. 6/

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Credentials of representatives to the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament:

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.

5. Organization of the session.


7. Adoption of the agenda.

8. General debate.

9. Review and appraisal of the present international situation, especially in the light of the vital objective of terminating the arms race and the pressing need to achieve substantial progress in the field of disarmament.

10. Assessment of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly at its first and second special sessions devoted to disarmament:

   6/ Rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that, at the opening of each session of the General Assembly, the Chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President for the session.
11. Consideration and adoption of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament.

12. Assessment of developments and trends, including qualitative and quantitative aspects, relevant to the disarmament process, with a view to the elaboration of appropriate concrete and practical measures and, if necessary, additional principles, taking duly into account the principles and priorities established in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament.


14. United Nations information and educational activities in the field of disarmament, including measures to mobilize world public opinion in favour of disarmament:

(a) World Disarmament Campaign;

(b) Other public information activities.

15. Relationship between disarmament and development, in the light of the action programme adopted at the International Conference.

16. Adoption, in an appropriate format, of the document(s) of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

B. General debate

35. At its 19th meeting, on 29 January 1988, the Preparatory Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should hold, at its special session, a general debate in the plenary from the morning of 1 June to the afternoon of 14 June 1988.

C. Documentation

36. At its 20th meeting, on 5 February 1988, the Preparatory Committee decided to request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its third special session the following reports:

(a) Summary of developments in the field of arms limitation and disarmament since 1982, including the status of negotiations in bilateral and various multilateral forums;
(b) Report on the World Disarmament Campaign.

Two delegations strongly objected to the preparation of the above-mentioned reports.

37. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee agreed to recommend that the following two reports of the Secretary-General, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, be issued in time for the third special session:

(a) Report pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 41/86 H containing a study on the climatic and potential physical effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter, which will examine, inter alia, its socio-economic consequences and will take into account the Secretary-General's report and the source documents from which the compilation was prepared, together with any other relevant scientific studies;

(b) Report pursuant to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 41/86 I, updating the report entitled Economic and Social Consequences of the Arms Race and Military Expenditures. 7/

D. Allocation of items

38. At its 20th meeting, on 5 February, regarding the allocation of items on the provisional agenda, the Preparatory Committee decided to recommend that, while items 1 to 9 and 16 would be dealt with by the General Assembly in plenary meetings, the Assembly should allocate items 10 to 15 to the committee of the whole, which would be entrusted with the task of considering all the proposals submitted during the special session and reporting to the Assembly.

E. Committee of the whole

39. At its 20th meeting, on 5 February 1988, the Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the committee of the whole 8/ should have a 20-member bureau, consisting of a Chairman, 18 Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

40. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the committee of the whole should begin its work on 6 June to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur, as well as to organize its work, including the establishment of its subsidiary bodies, as necessary.

41. At its 20th meeting, on 5 February, the Committee decided to recommend that the regional groups should consider renominating the present members of the bureau of the Preparatory Committee to serve in the bureau of the committee of the whole.

7/ United Nations publication, Sales no. E.83.IX.2.

F. Statements by executive heads of organizations

42. The question of inviting executive heads of organizations to address the General Assembly at a plenary meeting of the special session is referred to the General Assembly for action at its fifteenth special session.

G. Non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutes

43. At its 20th meeting, on 5 February, the Preparatory Committee, bearing in mind the recommendations adopted at its second session 9/ decided to recommend that the committee of the whole hear statements from representatives of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutes and, for that purpose, appropriate time would be allocated in the light of the organization of work adopted by the committee of the whole. It was also decided that the time allotted to each speaker representing a non-governmental organization or peace and disarmament research institute should not exceed 10 minutes. In accordance with established practice, the Committee further decided that the non-governmental organizations disarmament committees at Geneva and at United Nations Headquarters would make an appropriate speakers list of representatives of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutes. The list would be transmitted to the Chairman of the committee of the whole.

9/ Ibid., para. 25.
VII. DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

44. In addition to the report of the Preparatory Committee, the General Assembly at its special session will have before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;
(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
(c) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference;
(d) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean;
(e) Reports of the Secretary-General:
   (i) Report pursuant to General Assembly resolution 42/38 I, entitled "Objective information on military matters";
   (ii) Summary of developments in the field of arms limitation and disarmament since 1982, including the status of negotiations in bilateral and various multilateral forums; 10/
   (iii) Report on the World Disarmament Campaign. 10/

10/ See reservations mentioned in para. 46.
ANNEX

Informal paper prepared by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament containing suggested elements for consideration under the substantive items of the provisional agenda of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

I. ASSESSMENT

Assessment and review of the state of affairs in the field of arms limitation and disarmament negotiations, taking stock of achievements as well as of pending issues, in the light of the principles, objectives and priorities, and the programme of action set out in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament.

Elements for consideration

1. Nuclear weapons in all aspects
   - Encouraged by the declaration that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.
   - Concerned at the continuation of the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race.
   - Noting the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics/United States of America bilateral measures to reduce the risk of nuclear war.
   - Encouraged by the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty signed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America and their agreement in principle for the reduction of their strategic arms by 50 per cent.
   - Noting that the conclusion of a nuclear-test-ban treaty at the Conference on Disarmament remains an urgent issue.
   - Noting the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics/United States of America step-by-step negotiations on issues related to nuclear testing.
   - Noting the successful conclusion of the Third Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
   - Noting the lack of progress at the Conference on Disarmament on the question of effective arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
   - Acknowledging the establishment of a nuclear-free zone in the South Pacific (Treaty of Rarotonga) and noting that the implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa remains an urgent issue.
2. Chemical weapons
   - Welcoming the progress made in the Conference on Disarmament towards the conclusion of a convention on chemical weapons.

3. Biological weapons
   - Noting the successful conclusion of the Second Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention and initiation of exchange of information.

4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space
   - Noting the process of bilateral and multilateral efforts to prevent an arms race in outer space.
   - Also noting the danger of the extension of the arms race into outer space.

5. Conventional weapons in all aspects
   - Noting the growing recognition of the importance of conventional disarmament, including at the regional level.
   - Noting ongoing efforts to achieve reductions in conventional armaments and armed forces in various parts of the world, particularly in Europe.

6. Verification and compliance
   - Underlining the growing convergence of views on issues related to verification and compliance.

7. Confidence-building measures
   - Growing acceptance of the concept of confidence-building in promoting the attainment of disarmament measures.
   - Acknowledging the successful conclusion of the Stockholm Conference.
   - Noting the growing support for openness, transparency and predictability in military matters.

II. NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS

Forward-looking examination of developments and trends with a view to the elaboration of appropriate concrete and practical measures and, if necessary, additional principles, taking duly into account the principles and priorities established in the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.
Elements for consideration

- Increasing recognition of the imperative need for strict compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its provisions on the prohibition of the use or threat of use of force and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

- Reaffirmation of the validity of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament as well as the solemn commitment to it and the pledge to respect the priorities in disarmament negotiations as agreed to in its Programme of Action.

- The recognition that the bilateral and multilateral approaches in the field of disarmament should complement and reinforce each other.

- Recognition of the relationship between disarmament and international security.

- Growing attention to the relationship between disarmament and development as enunciated in the Final Document adopted by the States participating in the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development.

- The increasing need to focus on the qualitative aspects of the arms race, in particular the implications of technological developments in the military field for disarmament and international security.

1. Nuclear weapons in all aspects

- Building on the declaration that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, the prevention of nuclear war must remain a priority issue.

- The cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament must also remain a priority issue.

- The momentum of recent trends towards substantial reductions in nuclear armaments should be maintained.

- Urgent need to conclude at the Conference on Disarmament a nuclear-test-ban treaty.

- Further strengthening of the nuclear non-proliferation régime.

- Conclusion of effective arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

- The process of establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones in different parts of the world should be encouraged with the ultimate objective of achieving a world entirely free of nuclear weapons.
2. **Chemical weapons**
   - Urgent need for the early conclusion of a chemical weapons convention at the Conference on Disarmament.

3. **Prevention of an arms race in outer space**
   - Emphasizing the importance and urgency of concluding an agreement or agreements, as appropriate, to prevent an arms race in outer space.
   - Noting the complementary nature of bilateral and multilateral efforts in this regard.

4. **Conventional weapons in all aspects**
   - Need to address issues related to conventional arms limitation and disarmament, including regional aspects and the question of arms transfers.
   - Need to achieve significant reductions in conventional armaments and armed forces in various parts of the world as an important component of the process leading to general and complete disarmament.

5. **Verification and compliance**
   - Recognizing that verification is an important element of the disarmament process, to give further impetus to positive developments in this field, also taking into account new proposals and initiatives.
   - Emphasizing the fundamental importance of full compliance with agreements on arms limitation and disarmament agreements.

6. **Confidence-building measures**
   - Stressing the potential of confidence-building measures to create favourable conditions for progress in the field of arms limitation and disarmament.
   - Consideration of measures based on the principles of openness, transparency and predictability, such as, for example, the international system for the standardized reporting of military expenditures.

7. **Naval arms race and disarmament**
   - Need to address issues related to the naval arms race and disarmament, including the question of confidence-building measures at sea.
8. Zones of peace

- Importance of implementing the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and the convening of the Conference on the Indian Ocean as well as the Declaration of the Zone of Peace and Co-operation of the South Atlantic.

9. Relationship between disarmament and development

- Consideration of the implementation of the Action Programme adopted by the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development.

III. MACHINERY

Consideration of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and of the effectiveness of the disarmament machinery, as well as United Nations information and educational activities in the field of disarmament, including measures to mobilize world public opinion in favour of disarmament.

Elements for consideration

- Reaffirmation that the United Nations continues to have a central role and primary responsibility in the sphere of disarmament.

- Consideration of the role of the Secretary-General, inter alia, in the following areas: annual progress reports on developments in the field of disarmament; investigation of reports of alleged use of chemical and other weapons; representation at disarmament negotiations outside the United Nations framework; continuation of depositary function.

- Consideration of the role of the Security Council with respect to disarmament issues, including the holding of special sessions.

- Improvement of the methods of work of the First Committee, taking into account proposals on the subject.

- Examination of the substantive and procedural aspects of the work of the Disarmament Commission, taking into account proposals on the subject.

- Consideration of the improved and effective functioning of the Conference on Disarmament, taking into account proposals on the subject.

- Review of the role of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies.

- Consideration of the role of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, including in the co-ordination of disarmament activities within the United Nations system.

- Review of the World Disarmament Campaign.
- Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean.
- Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference.
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