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CONSIDERATION OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE
FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
DISARMAMENT MACHINERY

Working paper submitted by Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico,
Sweden and Tanzania

The sponsors submit the following text for adoption by the General Assembly at
its third special session devoted to disarmament.

"Verification system within the United Nations"

"The arms race is of concern to entire humankind. By their very nature
and scope, major disarmament agreements, particularly those covering weapons
of mass destruction, have global consequences. As such, the international
community has a vital interest and stake in all disarmament measures and in
the verification of compliance with them."
"The history of disarmament negotiations over the past three decades has underlined the importance of reaching agreement on verification measures. International verification will not replace bilateral or specific verification measures already determined but will complement them. The United Nations has a central role and primary responsibility in the sphere of disarmament. It is, therefore, appropriate that the United Nations should be active in the field of verification, thereby creating the added confidence that verification measures seek to bring about.

"The special session endorses the principle of an integrated multilateral verification system within the United Nations as an integral part of a strengthened multilateral framework required to ensure peace and security during the process of disarmament as well as in a nuclear-weapon-free world. Towards this end, the special session requests the Secretary-General to prepare, with the help of qualified experts, an outline of such a system, and to report thereon to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly."