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Agenda items 12 and 15

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 DUELY 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

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME ADOPTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Report of Working Group II (Part I)

1. At its 1st meeting, on 3 June 1988, the Committee of the Whole decided to establish Working Group II to deal with the following agenda items:

   Item 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";

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

2. At the same meeting, Mr. Paul-Joachim von Stülpnagel (Federal Republic of Germany) was appointed Chairman of the Working Group.

* Reissued for technical reasons.

4. In addition to the documents submitted to the General Assembly and to the Committee of the Whole relevant to agenda items 12 and 15, the Working Group had before it the following documents:

   (a) Working paper regarding agenda items 12 and 15, submitted by Canada (A/S-15/AC.1/WG.II/1);

   (b) Working paper regarding agenda item 12, submitted by Brazil (A/S-15/AC.1/WG.II/2).

5. At its 1st meeting, on 6 June 1988, the Working Group agreed to a programme of work consisting of three phases: (a) general debate; (b) a first round of discussion of individual subjects on the basis of the elements contained in the paper prepared by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the third special session devoted to disarmament, annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee; and (c) consideration of the text to be submitted by the Working Group to the Committee of the Whole.

6. Also at that meeting, the Chairman informed the Working Group that he had asked Mr. Milos Vejvoda (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. Adolfo R. Taylhardat (Venezuela) to assist the Chair in consultations with delegations.

7. The Chairman of the Working Group orally reported to the Committee of the Whole at its 7th meeting, on 13 June, on the progress of the work of the Working Group (A/S-15/AC.1/PV.7).

8. Following the general debate, during which a wide range of views was expressed on the subjects under consideration, the Chairman prepared an outline for focusing the discussion (see addendum 2 to the present report). In the course of the deliberations, a number of proposals were put forward with respect to the outline submitted by the Chairman (see addendum 3).

9. Taking into account the discussions and the proposals made and on the basis of consultations, the Chairman prepared a text (see addendum 1 to the present report), in which he attempted to identify points of convergence and to present formulations that might command consensus. There was no agreement on the text, but the Working Group agreed that it be transmitted, along with the documents referred to in paragraph 8 above, to the Committee of the Whole. It was understood that the Chairman's draft text was prepared on his own responsibility and did not prejudice the position of any delegation.