Fifteenth special session
Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15

ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH AND TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSIONS

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF DISARMAMENT

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 DUTY 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


UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING MEASURES TO MOBILIZE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IN FAVOUR OF DISARMAMENT

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

Draft report of the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session

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III. (Document to be adopted by the special session - to be issued in Part II)
I. INTRODUCTION

1. At the 1st plenary meeting of the fifteenth special session, on 31 May 1988, the General Assembly decided to establish an ad hoc committee and designated it the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session, with a Chairman, 18 Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, on the understanding that its Chairman would also be a member of the General Committee.

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly unanimously elected Mr. Mansour Ahmad (Pakistan), Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

3. At the same meeting, the General Assembly adopted the agenda of the fifteenth special session (A/S-15/15). It was also decided that items 1 to 9 and 16 would be considered directly in plenary meeting and items 10 to 15 would be allocated to the Committee of the Whole.

4. At the same meeting, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament (A/S-15/1) 1/ as well as the proposal of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee that the work of the Committee of the Whole would be advanced from 6 to 3 June.

5. The general debate, which took place in plenary meeting from 1 to 14 June, included consideration of agenda item 9.

6. In the course of the general debate, 23 heads of State or Government, 1 Vice-President, 6 Deputy Prime Ministers and 61 Ministers of Foreign Affairs and other heads of delegations addressed the special session.

7. Several heads of State or Government sent messages to the session. In the course of the general debate, representatives of the non-member States of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Holy See, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland, as well as the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency also made statements. In addition, representatives of the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, as well as of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the South West Africa People's Organization, addressed the Assembly during the general debate.

8. At its 1st meeting, on 3 June 1988, the Committee of the Whole unanimously elected the following officers:

   (a) Vice-Chairmen: The representatives of the following delegations: Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Japan, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, Uruguay, Yugoslavia and Zaire.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to establish three working groups as follows: Working Group I to deal with agenda item 10 and to be chaired by Mr. Davidson L. Hepburn (Bahamas); Working Group II to deal with agenda items 12 and 15 and to be chaired by Mr. Paul-Joachim von Stülpnagel (Federal Republic of Germany); Working Group III to deal with agenda items 13 and 14 and to be chaired by Mr. Paul Bamela Engo (Cameroon). The Committee of the Whole authorized the Chairman to request Mr. Alfonso García Robles (Mexico) to conduct consultations on agenda item 11, as appropriate, and thereafter to report to the Committee of the Whole.

10. In the course of the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 3 and 6 June, the Committee of the Whole considered the reports of the Conference on Disarmament (A/S-15/2); 2/ the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference (A/S-15/4); 3/ the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (A/S-15/5); 4/ and the Disarmament Commission (A/S-15/3). 5/

11. At its 2nd meeting, the Committee of the Whole heard a statement by the Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL).

12. At its 3rd to 6th meetings, on 8 and 9 June, the Committee heard statements by representatives of non-governmental organizations and peace and disarmament research institutes (see annex __).

13. At its 8th meeting, on 20 June, the Committee of the Whole decided that the deadline for submission of any further proposals would be 22 June.

14. The Committee of the Whole had before it the following documents relevant to agenda items 10 to 15:

   Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/S-15/1) 1/
   Report of the Conference on Disarmament (A/S-15/2) 2/

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 2 (A/S-15/2).
4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5 (A/S-15/5).
5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (A/S-15/3).


Report of the Secretary-General on objective information on military matters (A/S-15/7 and Add.1 and 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on summary of developments in the field of arms limitation and disarmament since 1982, including the status of negotiations, in bilateral and various multilateral forums (A/S-15/8 and Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Disarmament Campaign (A/S-15/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on programmes and activities undertaken by the United Nations system in the area of women and peace (A/S-15/40)

Note verbale dated 19 May 1988 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/11)

Letter dated 20 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/12)

Letter dated 20 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/13)

Letter dated 25 May 1988 from the representatives of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/14)

Note verbale dated 25 May 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/16)

Letter dated 25 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/17)

Letter dated 27 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/19)

Letter dated 30 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/20)

Letter dated 31 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/21)
Letter dated 31 May 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the views of African Member States on issues to be discussed at the fifteenth special session (A/S-15/22 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 10 June 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/23)

Letter dated 1 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/24)

Letter dated 27 May 1988 from the representatives of Canada and the Netherlands to the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/25)

Letter dated 3 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a memorandum submitted by the delegations of the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty to the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (A/S-15/26)

Letter dated 2 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Communiqué of the Special Ministerial Meeting devoted to disarmament of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare from 26 to 30 May 1988 (A/S-15/27)

Letter dated 3 June 1988 from the Permanent Representatives of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a Joint Statement of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics issued following meetings in Moscow from 29 May to 1 June 1988 (A/S-15/28)

Letter dated 6 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/29)

Letter dated 6 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/30)

Letter dated 7 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/31)

Letter dated 7 June 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/32)

Letter dated 6 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/33)
Note verbale dated 7 June 1988 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat (A/S-15/34)

Letter dated 9 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Swaziland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/35)

Note verbale dated 3 June 1988 from the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/37)

Letter dated 8 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/S-15/38)

Letter dated 13 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/42)

Letter dated 14 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting position of the Twelve member States of the European Community (A/S-15/43)

Letter dated 14 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/S-15/44)

Letter dated 17 June 1988 from the Deputy Head of the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly addressed to the Secretary General (A/S-15/47)

Working paper submitted by Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and Tanzania (items 10 to 13) (A/S-15/AC.1/1)

Working paper submitted by Czechoslovakia, Mongolia, Poland and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (items 10 and 13) (A/S-15/AC.1/2)

Working paper submitted by Denmark (items 10 and 12) (A/S-15/AC.1/3)

Working paper submitted by Netherlands and Sweden (items 10 and 12) (A/S-15/AC.1/4)

Working paper submitted by Sweden (items 12 and 13) (A/S-15/AC.1/5)

Working paper submitted by Sweden (items 10, 12 and 15) (A/S-15/AC.1/6)

Working paper submitted by Argentina (items 10 and 13) (A/S-15/AC.1/7)

Working paper submitted by Argentina (items 10 and 12) (A/S-15/AC.1/8)

Working paper submitted by Argentina (items 10 and 12) (A/S-15/AC.1/9)
15. Working Group I was established by the Committee of the Whole (see para. 9) to deal with agenda item 10 entitled: "Assessment of the implementation of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth and twelfth special sessions:

(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".

17. At its 7th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee of the Whole received a progress report on the work of the Working Group from its Chairman, Mr. Davidson L. Repburn (Bahamas).

18. At its 8th meeting, on 20 June, the Committee of the Whole took note of the report of the Working Group as contained in document A/S-15/AC.1/18.

B. Consideration of agenda item 11

19. As agreed by the Committee of the Whole (see para. 9 above), the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole requested Mr. Alfonso García Robles (Mexico) to conduct considerations regarding agenda item 11 entitled "Consideration and Adoption of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament". At the 8th meeting of the Committee of the Whole, on 20 June, Mr. García Robles reported on the results of his consultations (A/S-15/AC.1/PV.8).

C. Consideration of agenda items 12 and 15

20. Working Group II was established by the Committee of the Whole (see para. 9 above) to deal with agenda items 12 entitled "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"; and agenda item 15 entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development, in the light of the action programme adopted at the International Conference".


22. At its 7th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee of the Whole received a progress report on the work of the Working Group from its Chairman, Mr. Paul-Joachim von Stülpnagel (Germany, Federal Republic of).

23. At its 8th meeting, on 20 June, the Committee of the Whole took note of the report of the Working Group, as contained in document A/S-15/AC.1/19 and Add.1-3.
D. Consideration of agenda items 13 and 14

24. Working Group III was established by the Committee of the Whole (see para. 9 above) to deal with agenda item 13 entitled "Consideration of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and of the effectiveness of the disarmament machinery"; and agenda item 14 entitled: "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".

25. The Working Group held 12 meetings between 7 and 17 June 1988. During that period, the Chairman also conducted informal consultations.

26. At its 7th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee of the Whole received a progress report on the work of the Working Group from its Chairman, Mr. Paul Bamela Engo (Cameroon).

27. At its 8th meeting, on 20 June, the Committee of the Whole took note of the report of the Working Group contained in document A/S-15/AC.1/20 and Corr.1. A report of the Chairman of the Working Group as contained in document A/S-15/AC.1/21 was also presented.