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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

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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

1. The establishment of a special United Nations body to settle disputes between
States through negotiations, good offices, mediation or conciliation, taking
account of the fact that tension and conflicts are both a result and a cause of the
arms race.

2. Regular reporting by States engaged in bilateral or regional disarmament
negotiations to other States Members of the United Nations, through the Secretary-
General or other channels, on the progress of negotiations and their outcome.

3. Periodic reviews by the General Assembly of developments in disarmament
negotiations taking place in bilateral and multilateral forums, as well as the
convening of meetings to review the implementation of agreements concluded in the
field of disarmament.

4. The United Nations Disarmament Commission must co-ordinate its activities more
effectively with those of the Conference on Disarmament at Geneva. The Commission
might, for example, assume responsibility for preliminary negotiations for
disarmament agreements, thereby allowing all States to promote their own security
interests. Under this arrangement, the Commission should identify common elements
in States' positions and facilitate and accelerate the negotiation process.
5. Strengthening of the role of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who would continually endeavour, either directly or through his special representatives, to resolve any problems that might arise in the negotiation process in the field of disarmament.

6. The launching by the United Nations of an appeal for "Disarmament through action"; States would be invited to take unilateral or reciprocal action in the context of the freezing and reduction of military weapons, personnel and expenditures. The action taken by States in response to the Organization's appeal would be registered at United Nations Headquarters and brought to the attention of other States.

Implementation of the set of measures to halt the arms race and pave the way for disarmament requires strict and effective monitoring of the obligations assumed by States, who are called upon to encourage and support disarmament measures.

To that end,

1. The United Nations must help in the formulation of verification and monitoring procedures that will give impetus to negotiations in the field of disarmament;

2. An international body, open to the participation of all States, might be established within the United Nations; this body would be responsible for impartially monitoring the implementation in good faith of the disarmament measures agreed under bilateral, regional or global agreements.