Tenth special session
Items 9 and 11 of the provisional agenda*

REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN
THE LIGHT OF THE PRESSING NEED TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS
IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, THE CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS RACE
AND THE CLOSE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT, INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ADOPTION OF A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT

Economic and social consequences of the arms race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 12 December 1977, the General Assembly adopted resolution 32/75, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Welcomes with satisfaction the updated report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the arms race and of military expenditures 1/ and expresses the hope that it will help to focus future disarmament negotiations on nuclear disarmament and on the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

"2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and to the consultant experts as well as to the Governments and international organizations that have rendered assistance in the updating of the report;

"3. Decides to transmit the report to the General Assembly at its special session devoted to disarmament, to be held in New York between 23 May and 28 June 1978;


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4. **Recommends** that the conclusions of the updated report on the economic and social consequences of the arms race and of military expenditures should be taken into account in future disarmament negotiations;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to arrange for the reproduction of the report as a United Nations publication and to give it the widest possible publicity in as many languages as is considered desirable and practicable;

6. **Recommends** to all Governments the widest possible distribution of the report, including its translation into the respective national languages;

7. **Invites** the specialized agencies as well as intergovernmental, national and non-governmental organizations to use their facilities to make the report widely known;

8. **Reaffirms** its decision to keep the item entitled "Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security" under constant review and decides to include it in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session."

2. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the resolution, the report has been issued as a United Nations publication in the official languages of the General Assembly. 2/ In accordance with paragraph 3, the Secretary-General has the honour to bring the report to the attention of the Assembly at its tenth special session.

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2/ A/32/88/Rev.1, (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.72.IX.1).