Tenth special session
Agenda item 11

ADOPTION OF A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia

Report of the Secretary-General

1. On 12 December 1977, the General Assembly adopted resolution 32/83, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

..."

"1. Reaffirms its endorsement, in principle, of the concept of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

2. Urges once again the States of South Asia and such other neighbouring non-nuclear-weapon States as may be interested to continue to make all possible efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia and to refrain, in the meantime, from any action contrary to this objective;

3. Calls upon those nuclear-weapon States which have not done so to respond positively to this proposal and to extend the necessary co-operation in the efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance as may be required to promote the efforts for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia and to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its special session devoted to disarmament, to be held in May and June 1978, and at its thirty-third regular session;

5. Decides to consider this item at its special session devoted to disarmament and at its thirty-third regular session."

2. The Secretary-General has been in contact with the States of the South Asian region with regard to paragraph 4 of the resolution. He wishes to inform the General Assembly that there has been no request on behalf of the States concerned for his assistance in connexion with the subject. In the course of these contacts, a view has been expressed that the Secretary-General should continue to be available for this purpose.