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ADOPTION OF A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT

Note verbale dated 12 June 1978 from the Permanent Mission of the
United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations
presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour
to request the circulation of the attached note, entitled "Measures to strengthen
international security and build confidence", as a document of the tenth special
session of the General Assembly under agenda item 11.

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Measures to strengthen international security and build confidence

The draft programme of action on disarmament, submitted by the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament, includes a section headed "Other measures to strengthen international security and to build confidence". a/ The delegation of the United States of America is of the view that it would be desirable to include two additional measures in this section:

(a) The establishment of a United Nations Peace-keeping Reserve to be made up of national contingents trained in United Nations peace-keeping methods and earmarked by their Governments for United Nations duty. This Reserve would be drawn upon by the Secretary-General whenever the Security Council decided to establish a United Nations force to maintain international peace and security.

(b) Confidence-building and stabilizing measures in various regions, including notification of manoeuvres, invitations of observers to manoeuvres and United Nations machinery to promote such measures, should be encouraged.

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