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ADOPTION OF A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT

Note verbale dated 12 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Norway presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to submit a proposal entitled "Evaluation of the impact of new weapons on arms control and disarmament efforts".

The Permanent Representative of Norway would be grateful if this proposal were to be circulated as an official document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly under agenda item 11.
ANNEX

Evaluation of the impact of new weapons on arms control and disarmament efforts

1. Efforts at arms control and disarmament are being complicated by the momentum of military research and development. Arms-control negotiations tend to be overtaken by the dynamics of modern weapons technology. To come to grips with the arms race, political control of military research and development is therefore of paramount importance.

2. To this end, we believe that many countries would benefit from procedures whereby budget requests for new weapons are accompanied by evaluations of the impact of such weapons on arms control should they be acquired. Such evaluations would allow arms restraint and disarmament objectives to have a stronger impact on the decision-making process.

3. The Norwegian delegation therefore wishes to propose the following addition to the last paragraph of subsection E (Other measures to strengthen international security and to build confidence) of section III (Programme of Action): a/

"Budget requests for major weapons and weapon systems should be accompanied by an evaluation of the impact of such weapons and systems on arms control and disarmament efforts."

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