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ADOPTION OF A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT

Mexico and Sweden: working paper containing some concluding paragraphs for the draft Final Document of the tenth special session

In adopting this Final Document the Member States of the United Nations solemnly reaffirm their determination to work for general and complete disarmament and to make further collective efforts aimed at strengthening peace and international security; eliminating the threat of war, particularly nuclear war; implementing practical measures which can halt and reverse the arms race; strengthening the procedures for the peaceful settlement of disputes; reducing military expenditures and utilizing the resources thus released in a manner which will help to promote the well being of all peoples and to improve the economic conditions of the developing countries.

The General Assembly expresses its satisfaction that the proposals submitted to its special session devoted to disarmament and the deliberations thereon have made it possible to define in this Final Document a series of fundamental principles, goals, priorities and procedures for the implementation of the above purposes, either in the Declaration or the Programme of Action or in both. The General Assembly also welcomes the substantial improvements agreed upon regarding the deliberative and negotiating machinery which permit to expect that these organs will discharge their functions in a more effective manner.

Finally, it should be borne in mind that the number of States that participated in the general debate, as well as the high level of representation and the depth of that debate, are unprecedented in history. Note should also be taken of the fact that the spokesmen of 25 non-governmental organizations and 6 research institutes, from whose valuable contributions many delegations have drawn, were given the opportunity to address the General Assembly. It must be emphasized, moreover, that the special session of the General Assembly marks not the end but rather the beginning of a new phase of the efforts of the United Nations.
in the field of disarmament. Agreement has been reached to hold a second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament in 1981.

The General Assembly is convinced that the discussions of the disarmament problems at the special session and its Final Document will attract the attention of all peoples, further mobilize world public opinion and provide a powerful impetus for the cause of disarmament.