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ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT

ADOPTION OF A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT

REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN DISARMAMENT AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

China: amendments to the Preamble of the draft resolution embodying a Draft Final Document of the special session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament

1. Delete the first paragraph of the preamble and replace it by the following paragraph: "Mindful of the unprecedentedly grave destruction to mankind that will be brought by a nuclear war, and recalling the serious devastation inflicted by the two world wars."

2. Add new second preambular paragraph, which would read: "Noting the intensified rivalry between the superpowers for world hegemony and their increasingly grave threat to international peace and security."

3. Delete original second preambular paragraph and replace it by the following third preambular paragraph: "Convinced that the struggle for disarmament, including nuclear and conventional disarmament, combined with the struggle for the defence of national independence and sovereignty and against superpower hegemonism and policies of war, will be conducive to putting off a world war, though unable to prevent it, and to strengthening international peace and security, thus facilitating the"
economic and social advancement of all peoples and the achievement of the new international economic order, ".

4. In the fourth paragraph (original third paragraph), after the words "a more effective role, aims" in the third line add the following: ", first of all, at the reduction of the armaments of the two powers which possess the largest arsenals and then gradually", to be followed by the original wording in the draft: "at general and complete disarmament under effective international control.".