ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF DISARMAMENT

(Reply of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago)

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is now urgently examining the possibility of implementing a second development programme as an important element in its policy for the improvement of the general welfare of its people. In this connexion, it shares the conviction that the early and effective restoration of international peace and harmony would render possible a world-wide release, for the assistance of developing countries such as its own, of valuable resources now devoted to the acquisition and maintenance of destructive weapons. Accordingly, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to assure the Secretary-General of its warm support for all genuine efforts to achieve this end.

It is to be noted that as the Government of Trinidad and Tobago maintains a token defence force only, the local release of resources from military purposes will probably not have any significant economic and social consequences in Trinidad and Tobago.