

further agreements including important qualitative limitations and substantial reductions of offensive and defensive strategic nuclear-weapon systems,

(b) Invited the two Governments to keep the General Assembly informed of the results of their negotiations,

*Noting with satisfaction* that those Governments have reached a new agreement entitled “Basic principles of negotiations on the further limitation of strategic offensive arms”,

*Noting further* that this agreement, signed on 21 June 1973, has been brought to the attention of the General Assembly by a letter dated 6 November 1973 from the representatives of both Governments to the Secretary-General,<sup>25</sup>

1. *Appeals* to the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to bear constantly in mind in the current phase of the strategic arms limitation talks the necessity and urgency of reaching agreement on important qualitative limitations and substantial reductions of their strategic nuclear-weapon systems as a positive step towards nuclear disarmament;

2. *Again invites* the two Governments to keep the General Assembly informed in good time of the results of their negotiations.

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## B

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2373 (XXII) of 12 June 1968, in which it commended the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, annexed thereto, and expressed the hope for the widest possible adherence to that Treaty,

*Noting* that article VIII, paragraph 3, of the Treaty provides, *inter alia*, that:

“Five years after the entry into force of this Treaty, a conference of Parties to the Treaty shall be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in order to review the operation of this Treaty with a view to assuring that the purposes of the Preamble and the provisions of the Treaty are being realized.”,

*Bearing in mind* that the Treaty will have been in force for five years on 5 March 1975 and expecting that the review conference called for in the Treaty will take place soon after that date,

1. *Notes* that, following appropriate consultation, a preparatory committee has been formed of parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons serving on the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency or represented at the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the review conference and its preparation.

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## C

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1722 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, in which it welcomed the joint statement of

<sup>25</sup> See A/9293.

agreed principles for disarmament negotiations submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on 20 September 1961,<sup>26</sup>

*Further recalling* its resolutions 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2661 C (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2825 B (XXVI) of 16 December 1971 on the comprehensive programme of disarmament,

*Bearing in mind* its specific responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations with regard to the principles governing disarmament and to the achievement of general and complete disarmament, which is one of the most important issues confronting the world at present,

*Emphasizing* the vital interest of all peoples and countries of the world in disarmament negotiations,

*Convinced* of the importance and urgent need that all States should exert further efforts for the adoption of effective measures of disarmament, including the prohibition and elimination of all types of weapons of mass destruction,

1. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of the United Nations with regard to all matters pertaining to disarmament, in particular the ultimate goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

2. *Invites* the States parties to disarmament negotiations to ensure that the disarmament measures adopted in one region should not result in increasing armaments in other regions, thus upsetting their stability;

3. *Invites* the Governments of all States to keep the General Assembly suitably informed of their disarmament negotiations so as to allow the proper performance of its functions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, as well as all other States and Governments, and to include in the provisional agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”.

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## 3185 (XXVIII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled “Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security”,

*Bearing in mind* the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, contained in General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, and recalling Assembly resolutions 2880 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971 and 2993 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 concerning the implementation of the Declaration,

*Noting* the various initiatives that have been taken, in particular on the European continent, with a view to promoting *détente* and peaceful coexistence, and noting the emergence of encouraging trends in relations between States at the bilateral, regional and multi-lateral levels,

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 19, document A/4879.

Noting also, in this regard, that the Security Council held, from 15 to 21 March 1973, a series of meetings<sup>27</sup> to consider measures for the maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security in Latin America and adopted resolution 330 (1973) of 21 March 1973,

Emphasizing, however, the existence of focal points of war and tension stemming from acts of aggression, the threat or use of force, alien domination and foreign occupation, interference in internal affairs and the continued existence of colonialism, neo-colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Emphasizing the close link existing between the strengthening of international security, disarmament, decolonization, economic development and the need for a more intensive international effort to narrow the constantly widening gap between the developed and the developing countries,

Convinced that the United Nations should play a more positive role in promoting improvement of the international situation and a lessening of threats to international peace and security, and that it can become a useful forum of universalization of positive achievements in relations among States,

1. Solemnly reaffirms all the principles and provisions contained in the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and urgently appeals to all States to implement and adhere to all the provisions of the Declaration unswervingly and without delay, to broaden the scope of *détente* to cover the entire world and to reaffirm the principles of friendly relations<sup>28</sup> as the basis of relations between States, irrespective of their political, economic and social systems;

2. Expresses the hope that the favourable trends currently emerging in bilateral, regional and multi-lateral relations, including the establishment of zones of peace and co-operation in various parts of the world, will be maintained and that efforts along these lines will be pursued and intensified so as to promote the strengthening of international security, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Reaffirms the recommendation that all States should contribute to the efforts to assure peace and

security for all nations and to establish, in accordance with the Charter, an effective system of universal collective security without military alliances;

4. Reaffirms that all States have the right to participate on a basis of equality in the settlement of major international problems in accordance with the principles of the Charter so that peace and security will be based on effective respect for the sovereignty and independence of each State and the inalienable right of each people to determine its own destiny freely and without outside interference, coercion or pressure;

5. Reaffirms that any measure or pressure directed against any State while exercising its sovereign right freely to dispose of its natural resources constitutes a flagrant violation of the right of self-determination of peoples and the principle of non-intervention, as set forth in the Charter, which, if pursued, could constitute a threat to international peace and security;

6. Appeals to all militarily significant States to exert efforts in order to extend the political *détente* so far achieved to military *détente*, to stop the arms race as well as to take practical steps to reduce armaments, with a view to making available additional resources for economic and social development, particularly to the developing countries;

7. Reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under alien domination to achieve self-determination and independence and appeals to all States to implement the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples<sup>29</sup> and the other resolutions of the United Nations on the elimination of colonialism, racism and *apartheid*;

8. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>30</sup> and requests him to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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<sup>27</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-eighth Year*, 1695th to 1704th meetings.

<sup>28</sup> See resolution 2625 (XXV).

<sup>29</sup> Resolution 1514 (XV).

<sup>30</sup> A/9129.

## Other decisions

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#### (Item 39)

At its 2205th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1973, the General Assembly took note of the agreement reached by the First Committee, as set forth in paragraph 9 of its report,<sup>31</sup> that consideration of the draft resolution submitted by Cyprus, Kenya and Malta<sup>32</sup> would be postponed until the twenty-ninth session.

<sup>31</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 39*, document A/9448.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 7.