

Noting that drafts of a convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction,²⁴ as well as other working documents, proposals and suggestions, have been submitted to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, and constitute valuable contributions to the negotiation of an appropriate agreement,

Expressing concern over the lack of progress in negotiations in the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament on the prohibition of chemical weapons and on their elimination from the arsenals of all States,

Desiring to contribute to a successful conclusion of the negotiations on effective and strict measures for the complete prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and for their destruction,

1. *Reaffirms* the objective of reaching early agreement on the effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and on their elimination from the arsenals of all States;

2. *Urges again* all States to make every effort to facilitate early agreement on the effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and on their destruction;

3. *Requests* the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to continue negotiations as a matter of high priority, taking into account the existing proposals, with a view to reaching early agreement on effective measures for the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and for their destruction;

4. *Invites* all States that have not yet done so to accede to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction;

5. *Invites* all States that have not yet done so to accede to or ratify the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, and calls again for strict observance by all States of the principles and objectives of that Protocol;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament all documents of the First Committee relating to chemical weapons and chemical means of warfare;

7. *Requests* the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to report on the results of its negotiations to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

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3466 (XXX). Urgent need for cessation of nuclear and thermonuclear tests and conclusion of a treaty designed to achieve a comprehensive test ban

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that a number of States have engaged in underground nuclear weapon testing since the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly,

while welcoming the fact that there have been no atmospheric nuclear weapon tests in the same period,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject, the most recent being resolution 3257 (XXIX) of 9 December 1974,

Recalling the stated aim of the parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water²⁵ to seek to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time,

Noting that:

(a) The Final Declaration of the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,²⁶ adopted by consensus on 30 May 1975:

(i) Expressed the view that the conclusion of a treaty banning all nuclear weapons tests is one of the most important measures to halt the nuclear arms race,

(ii) Expressed the hope that the nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will take the lead in reaching an early solution to the technical and political difficulties on this issue,

(iii) Appealed to these States to make every effort to reach agreement on the conclusion of an effective comprehensive test ban,

(b) The final documentation of the Conference included a draft resolution and a draft additional protocol to the Treaty,²⁷ submitted by a considerable number of States which attended the Conference, concerning nuclear weapon tests, whereby the nuclear-weapon States depositaries of the Treaty would agree on a moratorium, which could in due course become a comprehensive test ban embracing all nuclear-weapon States,

(c) The desire was expressed by a considerable number of delegations at the Conference that the nuclear-weapon States parties to the Treaty should, as soon as possible, enter into an agreement, open to all States and containing appropriate provisions to ensure its effectiveness, to halt all nuclear weapon tests of adhering States for a specified time, whereupon the terms of such an agreement would be reviewed in the light of the opportunity at that time to achieve a universal and permanent cessation of all nuclear weapon tests,

Taking note of the section of the report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament relating to the question of a comprehensive test ban agreement,²⁸

Reaffirming its conviction that the cessation of nuclear weapon testing would be in the supreme interest of mankind, both as a major step towards controlling the development and proliferation of nuclear weapons and to relieve the deep apprehension concerning the harmful consequences of radio-active contamination for the health of present and future generations,

1. *Condemns* all nuclear weapon tests, in whatever environment they may be conducted;

2. *Deplores* the continued lack of progress towards a comprehensive test ban agreement;

²⁴ See *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for 1972*, document DC/235, annex B, document CCD/361; *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/9627)*, annex II, document CCD/420; and *ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/10027)*, annex II, document CCD/452.

²⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 480, No. 6964, p. 43.

²⁶ A/C.1/1068, annex I.

²⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/10027)*, annex II, document CCD/464.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 27 (A/10027)*, sect. III.

3. *Emphasizes* the urgency of reaching agreement on the conclusion of an effective comprehensive test ban;

4. *Calls upon* all nuclear-weapon States to bring to a halt all nuclear weapon tests through an agreed suspension subject to review after a specified period, as an interim step towards the conclusion of a formal and comprehensive test ban agreement;

5. *Emphasizes* in this regard the particular responsibility of the nuclear-weapon States which are parties to international agreements in which they have declared their intention to achieve at the earliest possible date the cessation of the nuclear arms race;

6. *Calls upon* all States not yet parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water to adhere to it forthwith;

7. *Urges* the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to give the highest priority to the conclusion of a comprehensive test ban agreement and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the progress achieved;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Urgent need for cessation of nuclear and thermonuclear tests and conclusion of a treaty designed to achieve a comprehensive test ban".

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3467 (XXX). Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3258 (XXIX) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1911 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2286 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2456 B (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2666 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2830 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, 2935 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972, 3079 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 and 3258 (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, seven of which contain appeals to the nuclear-weapon States regarding the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco),²⁹

Reiterating its firm conviction that, for the maximum effectiveness of any treaty establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone, the co-operation of the nuclear-weapon States is necessary and that such co-operation should take the form of commitments likewise undertaken in a formal international instrument which is legally binding, such as a treaty, convention or protocol,

Recalling with particular satisfaction that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, France and the People's Republic of China are already parties to Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco),

1. *Again urges* the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to sign and ratify Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco);

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3467 (XXX) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)".

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3468 (XXX). Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, contained in its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, and recalling also its resolutions 2992 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3080 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 and 3259 A (XXIX) of 9 December 1974,

Reaffirming its conviction that action in furtherance of the objectives of the Declaration would be a substantial contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security,

Calling attention to the provisions of resolution 3259 A (XXIX), especially paragraph 4, in which the General Assembly requested the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean to enter, as soon as possible, into consultations with a view to convening a conference on the Indian Ocean,

1. *Notes* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean,³⁰ in particular section II thereof concerning the consultations entered into by the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean in pursuance of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 3259 A (XXIX);

2. *Notes further* that, as a result of these consultations, an agreement in principle on the convening of a conference on the Indian Ocean has emerged among the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean;

3. *Requests* the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean to continue their consultations on the convening of a conference on the Indian Ocean, with particular attention to the following six points:

- (a) Purposes of the conference;
- (b) Date and duration;
- (c) Venue;
- (d) Provisional agenda;
- (e) Participation;
- (f) Level of participation;

4. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to continue its work and consultations in accordance with its mandate and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report on its work, including the results of the consultations referred to in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Invites* all States, in particular the great Powers and the major maritime users of the Indian Ocean, to co-operate in a practical manner with the *Ad Hoc* Committee in the discharge of its functions;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Committee, including the preparation of summary records.

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²⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 634, No. 9068, p. 326.

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/10029)*.