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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 10 December 1976, the General Assembly adopted resolution 31/73, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly

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"1. Reaffirms its endorsement in principle of the concept of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

"2. Urges once again the States of South Asia and such other neighbouring non-nuclear-weapon States as may be interested to continue to make all possible efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia and to refrain, in the meantime, from any action contrary to this objective;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance as may be required to promote the above efforts for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia and to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

"4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled 'Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia'."

2. The Secretary-General has been in contact with the States of the South Asian region with regard to paragraph 3 of the resolution. He wishes to inform the General Assembly that there has been no request, on behalf of the States concerned, for his assistance in connexion with the subject. In the course of these contacts, a view has been expressed that the Secretary-General would continue to be available for this purpose.