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WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "World Disarmament Conference: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 32/89 of 12 December 1977.
2. At its 4th and 5th plenary meetings, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 October, the First Committee decided to consider separately agenda items 125 and 128 and then to hold a combined general debate on the other items allocated to it relating to disarmament, namely, items 35 to 49. The general debate on these items took place at the 29th to 50th meetings, from 6 to 24 November (A/C.1/33/PV.29-50).
4. In connexion with item 48, the First Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference; 1/
 - (b) Letter dated 6 September 1978 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978 (A/33/206).

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 28 (A/33/28).

5. On 21 November, Burundi, Iran, Peru, Poland, and Spain submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/33/L.34), which was subsequently also sponsored by Bolivia, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Jordan, Mongolia, Morocco, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Uruguay. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Iran at the 48th meeting, on 22 November.
6. On 30 November, the Secretary-General submitted a statement (A/C.1/33/L.56) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.
7. At its 59th meeting, on 1 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/33/L.34 by consensus (see para. 8 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

World Disarmament Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2833 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, 2930 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972, 3183 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3260 (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, 3469 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/190 of 21 December 1976 and 3289 of 12 December 1977,

Reiterating its conviction that all peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations and that all States should be in a position to contribute to the adoption of measures for the achievement of this goal,

Stressing anew its belief that a world disarmament conference, adequately prepared and convened at an appropriate time, could promote the realization of such an aim and that the co-operation of all nuclear-weapon Powers would considerably facilitate its attainment,

Noting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference, 2/

Recalling that, at its tenth special session, devoted to disarmament, the General Assembly decided that, at the earliest appropriate time, a world disarmament conference should be convened with universal participation and with adequate preparation,

1. Renews the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference;

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 28 (A/33/28).

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2. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to maintain close contact with the representatives of the States possessing nuclear weapons in order to remain currently informed of their /respective/ attitudes as well as with all other States and to consider any relevant comments and observations which might be made to the Committee, especially having in mind paragraph 122 of the Final Document of its tenth special session,

3. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "World Disarmament Conference".
