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

Report of the Secretary-General

1. On 14 December 1978, the General Assembly adopted resolution 33/65, 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. Calls upon those nuclear-weapon States which have not done so to respond positively to this proposal and to extend the necessary co-operation in the efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance as may be required to promote the 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-fourth session;

"5. Decides to consider this item at its thirty-fourth session."

2. The Secretary-General has been in contact with the States of the South Asian region with regard to paragraph 4 of resolution 33/65. He wishes to inform the General Assembly that there has been no request by the States concerned for his assistance in connexion with the subject. In the course of those contacts, a view was expressed to the Secretary-General that he should continue to be available for this purpose.