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IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 20 August 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires of the
Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of a supplementary item entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development" in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the Assembly.

An explanatory memorandum is attached to this letter in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

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of Sweden to the United Nations

ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. The study on the relationship between disarmament and development (A/36/356 and Corr.1) a/ was based on the most comprehensive study yet undertaken by the United Nations in the field of disarmament. It was undertaken after a joint initiative by Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, b/ and was submitted to the General Assembly at its twelfth special session, the second special session devoted to disarmament, for its consideration and appropriate action, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Assembly resolution A/36/92 G of 9 December 1981.
2. On 19 April 1982, the five Nordic countries submitted to the Secretary-General a joint working paper (A/S-12/18, annex) stressing the need for effective follow-up by Member States and the United Nations system of the recommendations contained in the study. The Nordic countries received widespread support and suggested improvements at the second special session and, in consultation with others, a draft text was produced to be included in the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament. Other proposals, emanating from the Nordic working paper, were incorporated in the report of the working group on the World Disarmament Campaign.
3. Owing to prevailing circumstances, the General Assembly at the special session was unable to conclude its consideration of the study and to take appropriate action on all of the recommendations contained in it. In order to facilitate follow-up and implementation, Sweden requests that the matter of disarmament and development be included as a supplementary item in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

Notes

a/ Subsequently issued as a United Nations publication (Sales No. E.82.IX.1).

b/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Special Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/S-10/1), vol. V, document A/AC.187/80.