



## General Assembly

Distr.  
GENERAL

A/37/671  
30 November 1982

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Thirty-seventh session  
Agenda item 136

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

#### Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Luvsangiin Erdenechuluun (Mongolia)

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development" was included as a supplementary item in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session (A/37/200) following the submission of a request from Sweden (A/37/195).
2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1982, 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 on the understanding that the development aspects of the question would be brought to the attention of the Second Committee in connection with its consideration of item 71 (Development and international economic co-operation).
3. At its 2nd meeting, on 29 September, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on the items allocated to it relating to disarmament, namely, items 39 to 57, 133 and 136. The general debate on these items and on items 138 and 139, which were allocated to the First Committee by the General Assembly at its 24th plenary meeting, on 8 October, took place at the 3rd to 28th meetings, from 18 October to 5 November (see A/C.1/37/PV.3-28).
4. In connection with item 136, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General containing the study on the relationship between disarmament and development (A/36/356 and Corr.1); 1/

(b) Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (A/S-12/32);

(c) Note verbale dated 28 June 1982 from the Permanent Missions of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat (A/S-12/AC.1/49).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/37/L.17

5. On 10 November, Austria, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Ireland, Iceland, Jamaica, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sweden and Venezuela submitted a draft resolution entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development" (A/C.1/37/L.17), which was later also sponsored by Colombia, the Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Malta, Mali, Nepal, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, the United Republic of Cameroon and Zaire. The draft resolution was introduced by Sweden at the 31st meeting, on 11 November.

6. At its 41st meeting, on 23 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/37/L.17 by 114 votes to none, with 11 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and

---

1/ Subsequently issued as The Relationship between Disarmament and Development United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.IX.1).

Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

#### Relationship between disarmament and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the conclusions of the study on the relationship between disarmament and development, contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

Recalling also resolution 36/92 G of 9 December 1981, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, commended the report, its conclusions and its recommendations to the attention of all Member States and decided to transmit the report to the Assembly at its twelfth special session for its substantive consideration and appropriate action,

Noting the proposals on the follow-up decisions regarding the report of the Secretary-General, circulated as official documents in connection with the twelfth special session of the General Assembly, 3/

Noting also that, in the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, 4/ the Assembly decided to refer those items on the agenda on which it had not reached decisions to its thirty-seventh session for further consideration, 5/

---

2/ A/36/356 and Corr.1; subsequently issued as The Relationship between Disarmament and Development (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.IX.1).

3/ A/S-12/18 and A/S-12/AC.1/49.

4/ A/S-12/32.

5/ Ibid., para. 64.

Noting further that it has decided to include the question of the relationship between disarmament and development as a separate item on its agenda;

1. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate administrative action in accordance with the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, as specified in chapter VII of the study prepared by the Group; 2/
2. Urges Member States to consider appropriate measures in accordance with all relevant recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts;
3. Determines that the question of reallocation and conversion of resources, through disarmament measures, from military to civilian purposes should be included in the provisional agenda of the General Assembly at intervals to be decided upon, starting with its fortieth regular session in 1985;
4. Recommends that an investigation - with due regard to the capabilities of existing agencies and institutions currently responsible for the international transfer of resources - of the modalities of an international disarmament fund for development should be undertaken by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, in consultation with other relevant international institutions;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the measures taken in implementation of the present resolution.

-----