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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF
THE MIDDLE EASTReport of the Secretary-General

On 9 December 1982, the General Assembly adopted resolution 37/75, the operative part of which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Urges all parties directly concerned to consider seriously taking the practical and urgent steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and, as a means of promoting this objective, invites the countries concerned to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; 1/

"2. Calls upon all countries of the region that have not done so, pending the establishment of the zone, to agree to place all their nuclear activities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards;

"3. Invites those countries, pending the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East, to declare their support for establishing such a zone, consistent with the relevant paragraph of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 2/ and to deposit those declarations with the Security Council;

"4. Invites further those countries, pending the establishment of the zone, not to develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or

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permit the stationing on their territories, or territories under their control, of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices;

"5. Invites the nuclear-weapon States and all other States to render their assistance in the establishment of the zone and at the same time to refrain from any action that runs counter to both the letter and spirit of the present resolution;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

"7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled 'Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East'."

2. The Secretary-General recalls that the General Assembly adopted this resolution by consensus. He considers the subject-matter with which it deals of continuing interest.

3. At the same time, the Secretary-General notes that since the resolution was adopted there have been no further developments with regard to the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East. He is of the opinion that, since the establishment of such a zone would contribute to the improvement of the situation in the area, further efforts to that end deserve strong support.

Notes

1/ General Assembly resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

2/ General Assembly resolution S-10/2.
