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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Note verbale dated 7 June 1983 from the Permanent Representative of  
Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to bring to his attention the enclosed letter from the Swedish Ecumenical Council addressed to the Secretary-General, containing an appeal for peace and disarmament.

The Permanent Representative would be grateful if this note and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 56 and 62 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 18 April 1983 from the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman  
of the Swedish Ecumenical Council to the Secretary-General

On the occasion of your visit to Sweden, we have the pleasure of presenting to you an appeal for peace and disarmament which has been issued by the Swedish Ecumenical Council. This appeal has been the basis for a petition campaign which all the churches and denominations in Sweden have carried out all over the country from 17 October 1982 to 4 April 1983.

While the lists are still coming in, the number of signatures has exceeded 900,000 and is approaching the figure of 1 million. The definitive figure will be transmitted to you when it is available.

May we ask you to be so kind as to convey the text of the appeal and the result of the petition campaign to the States Members of the United Nations, as well as to the appropriate bodies of the United Nations in the field of disarmament.

(Signed) Olof SUNDBY  
Archbishop  
Chairman of the  
Swedish Ecumenical Council

(Signed) Gösta HEDBERG  
Moderator  
Vice-Chairman of the  
Swedish Ecumenical Council

## APPENDIX

## A P P E A L

War and other forms of violence affect many people on this earth. Groups and individuals are exposed to extreme suffering. The arms race constitutes a menace to the whole world - threatening even the survival of mankind. Enormous resources which could be used in international development work are squandered on armaments.

- + With our signatures we demand a stop to the nuclear arms race which is now spreading to more and more countries: that all nuclear weapon tests be suspended and that all development, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon carriers be discontinued.
- + Our goal is a nuclear free zone in the Nordic countries in accordance with the decision of the Swedish parliament. The nuclear powers in the East and the West have the responsibility of making this possible. We see these efforts as part of the task to deliver Europe and the whole world from nuclear arms.
- + The conventional arms race must also be stopped. This applies in the first place to biological and chemical weapons and so called heavy weapons.
- + All countries should support peace efforts, peace education and peace and conflict research. We appeal to the governments of all countries to accept their responsibility to organize peace in our world step by step and to transfer the resources from armaments to development work.

The initiative for this expression of opinion has been taken by churches and denominations in Sweden.

Support the petition with your signature.

Olof Sundby  
Archbishop

Lars Carlzon  
Bishop

Gösta Hedberg  
Moderator

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Yes, I support the churches' appeal for peace and disarmament: