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## GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Study on the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspectsReport of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 37/99 F of 13 December 1982, the General Assembly decided that a study should be undertaken to review and supplement the Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects <sup>1/</sup> in the light of information and experience accumulated since 1975. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of an ad hoc group of qualified governmental experts, to carry out the study and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, bearing in mind the savings that might be made within existing budgetary appropriations.
2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Secretary-General appointed the Group of Governmental Experts on Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in early 1983 and it began its work on 14 March 1983. Since then it held four substantive sessions, two in 1983 and two in 1984.
3. By a letter dated 29 June 1984, which is annexed to the present report, the Chairman of the Group of Experts informed the Secretary-General of the status of the Group's work. It is noted that the Group has not been able to reach agreement on the study within the time available. It is further noted that the experts feel that the effort to produce a report acceptable to all of them should not be abandoned and that the work could be completed if the time period of the study were extended. The Chairman requests that due consideration be given by the appropriate authority to the possibility of extending the time period of the study.

Notes

<sup>1/</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.I.7.

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ANNEX

29 June 1984

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Group of Experts appointed by you pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37/99 F of 13 December 1982 in order to undertake a study to review and supplement the Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects began its work on 14 March 1983 and has held four substantive sessions.

On the basis of an outline tentatively agreed at the first session, five consecutive drafts have been prepared with the aid of consultants and discussed thoroughly by the Group of Experts. However, the Group has not been able to reach agreement on the study within the time available.

A discussion held in the Group on 29 June 1984 demonstrated that the experts feel that the effort to produce a report acceptable to all of them should not be abandoned and that the work could be completed if the time period of the study is extended. I therefore request that due consideration be given by the appropriate authority to the possibility of extending this time period.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Klaus TORNUDD  
Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts  
on Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones

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