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I. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

GHANA

[Original: English]

[18 September 1984]

1. Ghana supports General Assembly resolution 38/189 of 20 December 1983 on the "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region" and is prepared to co-operate with Mediterranean States to achieve that purpose.

ITALY

[Original: French]

[8 October 1984]

1. Italy has consistently made considerable efforts to strengthen in all spheres the bonds of friendship and co-operation between the Mediterranean countries of Europe, Africa and Asia. Such efforts have been of a concrete nature. Italy has not only made an active contribution to promoting economic, scientific, cultural and ecological co-operation - especially within the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe - but has also been directly involved in a series of initiatives aimed at strengthening the security of the Mediterranean region.
2. As a Mediterranean country belonging both to the European Economic Community and to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Italy remains convinced that any consideration of security matters affecting this region should, if it is to be realistic, take account of the complexity of the situation in this politically heterogeneous region and the relationship between the security of the Mediterranean and that of the European continent as a whole. Thus, it is not possible to contemplate any solutions that overlook the aforementioned essential factors and the political and military balances which have been established within the framework of existing alliances.
3. Accordingly, it seems imperative to bear in mind the specific nature of the region and its indissoluble links with other political and security factors. Italy therefore believes that certain matters associated with security should also be considered in an enlarged regional context, with due regard to, inter alia, Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations.
4. In conclusion, it is opportune to recall that an entire chapter of the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe is devoted to questions of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean, and that these questions are the subject of discussions taking place within the framework of that Conference.

II. COMMUNICATION FROM MALTA

[Original: English]

[21 September 1984]

In a letter dated 21 September 1984 (A/39/526-S/16758), the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General the text of the Final Declaration adopted by the Mediterranean members of the Non-Aligned Movement on 11 September 1984, at the close of a meeting held at ministerial level in Valletta, Malta, on 10 and 11 September 1984, and requested him to circulate it as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 67, and of the Security Council.

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