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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Economic and social consequences of the arms race  
and of military expenditure

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolutions 40/150 of 16 December 1985 and 41/86 I of 4 December 1986, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to bring up to date, with the assistance of a group of qualified consultant experts appointed by him and making appropriate use of the capabilities of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in a consultant capacity, the 1982 report entitled "Economic and Social Consequences of the Arms Race and of Military Expenditures" (A/37/386), taking into account the significant developments that have taken place since the preparation of that report. In resolution 41/86 I, the Secretary-General was further requested to submit the updated report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session and to inform the Assembly at its forty-second session on the progress achieved in implementation of that resolution.

2. The Secretary-General appointed consultant experts from thirteen Member States to assist him in updating the report. The list of the experts of the Group is annexed to this note.

3. The first session of the Group of Consultant Experts was held from 16 to 20 March 1987 in New York. Ambassador Constantin Fene of Romania was unanimously elected Chairman of the Group. During the session, the Group adopted an outline for the study covering the following main subject areas:

1. Dynamics of the arms race (nuclear aspect, military research and development, arms production, arms transfers);

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2. Resources and the arms race (natural, human and financial resources, technology and conversion);
  3. Military outlays and socio-economic development (impact on economic development, employment, inflation, finances and the environment, and socio-cultural **consequences**);
  4. International consequences of the arms race (security and economic stability, socio-economic vulnerability and security).
4. In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution **40/150**, the Group decided to invite Governments, **specialized** agencies, other international organisations and institutions and non-governmental organisations to provide it with Quantitative and aualitative information relevant to the work.
5. The Group of Consultant **Experts** will hold its second session from 30 November to 11 December 1387 at Geneva. The Group is also tentatively scheduled to meet for a third session in April **1988** in **New York** in order to **finalize** the study for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

## ANNEX

Members of the Group of Consultant **Experts** on the  
Economic and Social **Consequences** of the Arms Race  
and of Military Expenditures

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