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DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENTReport of the First CommitteeRapporteur Mr. Kazimierz TOMASZEWSKI (Poland)

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-second session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/60 of 3 December 1986.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 October, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on the disarmament items allocated to it, namely, items 48 to 69, followed by statements on specific disarmament agenda items and continuation of the general debate, as necessary. The deliberations on those items took place throughout the 3rd and the 31st meetings, from 12 October to 3 November (see A/C.1/42/PV.3-31).
4. In connection with item 64, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament, 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/42/46).

(b) Letter dated 13 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents issued at the Twentieth Ministerial Meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), held in Singapore on 15 and 16 June 1987 (A/42/477-S/19048);

(c) Letter dated 23 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a copy of the final **communiqué** of the Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-second session of the General Assembly, held in New York from 5 to 7 October 1987 (A/42/681);

(d) Letter dated 2 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the **communiqué** and the document entitled "Towards Increasing the Effectiveness of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva" issued at the session of the Committee of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Warsaw Treaty, held at Prague on 28 and 29 October 1987 (A/42/708 and **Corr.1**).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/42/L.68

5. On 27 October, Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, **Brazil**, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, New **Zealand**, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Sweden, Tunisia, Venezuela, Viet **Nam** and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution, entitled "Convening of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" (A/C.1/42/L.68), which was later also sponsored by Hungary, the German Democratic Republic, Mongolia and the Netherlands. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Yugoslavia at the 32nd meeting, on 4 November.

6. At its 44th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.68 without a vote (see **para.** 7).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Convening of the third special session of the General  
Assembly devoted to disarmament

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the decision, contained in paragraph 66 of the Concluding Document of its Twelfth Special Session, the second special session devoted to

disarmament, concerning the convening of the third special session devoted to disarmament, 2/

Reaffirming its resolution **41/60** G of 3 December 1986, in which it decided to convene its third special session on disarmament in 1988 and to establish an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament,

Reaffirming the validity of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 3/ the first special session devoted to disarmament, and its conviction that disarmament remains one of the essential objectives of the United Nations,

Expressing its concern at the continuation of the arms race, which aggravates international peace and security and also diverts vast resources urgently needed for economic and social development,

Reiterating its conviction that peace can be secured through the implementation of disarmament measures, particularly for nuclear disarmament, conducive to the realization of the **final** objective, namely, general and **complete** disarmament under effective international control,

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special **Session** of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament, 4/

1. Decides that the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament shall be held from 31 May to 25 June 1988 at **United Nations Headquarters** in New York;

2. Endorses the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament and the recommendations contained therein:

3. Endorses also the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee to meet in New York from 25 January to 5 February 1988 in order to consider substantive issues related to the session for incorporation in the document or documents to be adopted at the third **special** session devoted to disarmament, and any remaining **organizational** and **procedural** matters, with the understanding that the Preparatory Committee, at that session, would determine the need for a subsequent session;

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2/ Official **Records** of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9-13, document ~/S-12/32.

3/ Resolution **S-10/2**.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/42/46).

4. Expresses its appreciation to the members of the Preparatory Committee for their constructive contribution to its work;

5. Requests the Preparatory Committee to submit its final report to the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament;

6. Requests all Member States engaged in bilateral, regional or multilateral negotiations on disarmament issues outside the framework of the United Nations to submit appropriate information on such negotiations to the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 27 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the Assembly before the third special session devoted to disarmament;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare necessary documentation, **including** background material, as may be requested by the Preparatory Committee for the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to render to the Preparatory Committee all necessary assistance for the completion of its work;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament".

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