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UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

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1. The Ukrainian SSR considers that genuine **disarmament** is critically important for securing lasting international peace. The United Nations **can** and must play a primary role in achieving it. This follows from its **Charter**.
2. The **success** of **multilateral disarmament** efforts is directly dependent upon the effectiveness of the *work of* the relevant United Nations machinery, primarily the **General Assembly** and its major organs, the Security Council and the Secretary-General.
3. **Among the major** components of *this machinery is the First Committee* of the General Assembly, **which** has become the generally recognised universal body **for** considering disarmament problems. By the very nature **of** things, the formulation of specific proposals and the adoption of effective measures to promote progress towards a new and secure world **order**, a shift from the principle of **overarmament to the** principle of reasonable sufficiency and the expansion **of glasnost** and openness in **the military** sphere are issues which occupy a central place in the Committee's work.
4. *In* this context, the recommendations **of** the **First Committee** contained in adopted **resolutions** have a high degree of moral authority and reflect the will and aspirations of the **world** community in its efforts to demilitarise today's world.
5. *It* is also **obvious** that progress on disarmament and in enhancing the role **of** the United Nations in that **area** depends largely on **the** attitude of States towards implementing those **recommendations** and resolutions. In the view of the Ukrainian SSR, **the** position of Member States in this respect **must** be determined by the relevant articles of the Charter of the United Nations, which lay down the obligations of States to assist the Organisation in the maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security.
6. The Ukrainian SSR considers that resolutions adopted by consensus impose special **moral** obligations **on** States. They must be treated with special respect, because they reflect **the** united and common will of the world community. To ignore such resolutions **or** act **in** contravention **of** them is to oppose this will.
7. The **Ukrainian** SSR is convinced that the agreement among Member States established **de facto** by virtue of the adoption **of a consensus** resolution must also extend to the stage of implementing its provisions.
8. The meaning and significance of these resolutions lie, in our view, primarily in the use made of them to find specific ways or 'implementing their recommendations in practice. If this is done, they can **then** play an important role **in** stimulating the process of disarmament. That would help complete **the** entire cycle, from the birth of the idea through its thorough discussion and adoption in the *form of a* **consensus** resolution, to practical steps aimed at implementing its provisions, i.e., to tangible and genuine disarmament.

9. The Ukrainian SSR, **which** together **with** the delegations of several other States has for a number **of** years pioneered in raising in **the First Committee** the issue **of** implementing disarmament **resolutions**, devotes great attention to the preparation, discussion and adoption of resolutions in that Committee and to measures to implement their provisions.

10. As a **specific** instance, at the forty-third session of the General Assembly the Ukrainian SSR sponsored **resolutions** on the prevention of an arms race in outer space, on chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons, on Disarmament Week and on prohibition of the development and manufacture **of** new types of weapons of *mass* destruction and **new systems** of such weapons, etc.

11. The Ukrainian SSR regularly submits information **to** the **Secretary-General** of the United Nations *in* reply to his questionnaires **on** measures undertaken pursuant to the provisions **of** disarmament resolutions.

12. **We** feel that the fullest possible reporting by States Members to the Secretary-General on actions taken in the field of disarmament, including those taken pursuant to General Assembly resolutions, would help concentrate all disarmament information in the United Nations and enhance the Organisation's authority as a world **centre** for disarmament.

13. It would also benefit the United Nations if Member States **sent the** Secretary-General not only information on their implementation of disarmament resolutions, but also their ideas **on ways** to enhance **the** effectiveness of the disarmament resolutions adopted, **particular** those approved without a vote. This might help in the formulation of specific unified standards for their implementation.

14. The Ukrainian SSR is prepared to take an active part in an in-depth discussion of the question, the sense and purpose of which would be to achieve progress in the practical implementation of **the recommendations** contained in disarmament **resolutions**. That would help enhance the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and make it a **true** centre for **multilateral** co-operation in demilitarising current international relations and building a nuclear-free and non-violent world.
