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NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES AGAINST THE USE OR THREAT OF USE
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONSReport of the First CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. Dimitris PLATIS (Greece)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Conclusion of effective international arrangements to **assure** non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear **weapons**" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-fourth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution **43/69** of 7 December 1988.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, 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 13 October, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on the disarmament items allocated to it, namely, items 49 to 69 and 151. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and the 25th meetings, from 16 October to 1 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.3-25**). Consideration of and action on draft resolutions **on** those items took place from the 26th to 41st meetings, between 2 and 17 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.26-41**).
4. In connection with item 57, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament; 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/44/27).

(b) Letter dated 18 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Final Communiqué of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (session on Islamic fraternity and solidarity) held at Riyadh from 6 to 9 Sha'ban 1409H (13 to 16 March 1989) (A/44/235-S/20600);

(c) Letter dated 23 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/347-S/20702);

(d) Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final documents of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare from 17 to 19 May 1989 (A/44/409-S/20743 and Corr.1 and 2);

(e) Letter dated 22 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the final documents of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989 (A/44/551-S/20870);

(f) Letter dated 2 November 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Finland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/705-5/20940).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/44/L.49

5. On 30 October 1989, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Madagascar and Pakistan submitted a draft resolution entitled "Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" (A/C.1/44/L.49), which was later also sponsored by Banladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Pakistan at the 35th meeting, on 13 November.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.49 by a recorded vote of 133 to none, with 3 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows: 2/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, ~~Algeria~~, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, ~~Bangladesh~~, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, ~~Byelorussian~~ Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, ~~Côte d'Ivoire~~, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia,

2/ Subsequently, the delegations of Barbados and Costa Rica indicated that they had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, **Fiji**, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic **of**), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, **Samoa**, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, **Swaziland**, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian **Soviet Socialist** Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, **United** Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Brazil, India, United States **of** America,

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of **use** of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the need to **allay** the legitimate concern of the States of the world with regard to ensuring lasting security for their peoples,

Convinced that nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to mankind and to the survival of **civilization**,

Deeply concerned at the continuing escalation of the arms race, in particular the nuclear-arms race, and the possibility of the **use** or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Convinced that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to **remove** the danger of nuclear war,

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Taking into account the principle of the non-use Of force or threat of force enshrined **in** the Charter of the **United Nations**,

Deeply concerned about the possibility of the use or threat of use of nuclear **weapons**,

Recognizing that the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of non-nuclear-weapon States need to be safeguarded against the use or threat of use of force, including the use or threat of use of nuclear **weapons**,

Considering that, until nuclear disarmament is achieved on a universal basis, it is imperative for the international community to develop effective measures to ensure the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons from any quarter,

Recognizing that effective measures to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat **of** use of nuclear **weapons** can constitute a positive contribution to the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons,

Recalling its resolutions 3261 G (XXIX) of 9 December 1974 and **31/189 C** of 21 December 1976,

Bearing in mind paragraph 59 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, **3/** in which it urged the nuclear-weapon States to **pursue** efforts to conclude, as appropriate, effective arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Desirous of promoting the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session,

Recalling its resolutions **33/72 B** of 14 December 1978, **34/85** of 11 December 1979, **35/155** of 12 December 1980, **36/95** of 9 December 1981, **37/81** of 9 December 1982, **38/68** of 15 December 1983, **39/58** of 12 December 1984, **40/86** of 12 December 1985, **41/52** of 3 December 1986, **42/32** of 30 November 1987 and **43/69** of 7 December 1988,

Recalling further paragraph 12 of the Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution **35/46** of 3 December 1980, which states, inter alia, that all efforts should be exerted by the Committee on Disarmament **4/** urgently to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective **international** arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

3/ Resolution C-1012.

4/ The Committee on Disarmament was redesignated the Conference on Disarmament as from 7 February 1984.

Noting the in-depth negotiations undertaken in the Conference on Disarmament and its **Ad Hoc** Committee on Effective International Arrangements⁵ to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons, **5/** with a view to reaching agreement on this item,

Taking note of the proposals submitted under that item in the **Conference** on Disarmament, including the drafts of an international convention,

Taking note of the decision of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989, **6/** as well as the relevant recommendations of the **Organization** of the Islamic Conference reiterated in the Final Communiqué⁶ of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Riyadh from 13 to 16 March 1989, **7/** calling upon the Conference on Disarmament to reach an urgent agreement on an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear **weapons,**

Noting the support expressed in the Conference on Disarmament and in the General Assembly for the elaboration of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States **against** the use or threat **of** use of nuclear weapons, as well as the difficulties pointed out in evolving a common approach acceptable **to** all,

1. **Reaffirms** the urgent need to reach agreement on **effective** international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use **or** threat of use of nuclear weapons:

2. **Notes with satisfaction** that in the Conference on Disarmament there is no objection, in principle, to the idea of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, although the difficulties as regards evolving a common approach acceptable **to** all have also been pointed out;

3. **Appeals** to all States, especially the nuclear-weapon States, to demonstrate the political will necessary to reach agreement on a common approach and, in particular, on a common formula that could be included in an international instrument of a legally binding **character;**

4. **Recommends** that further intensive **efforts** should be devoted to the search for such a common approach or common formula and that the various alternative approaches, including, in particular, those considered in the Conference on Disarmament, should be further explored in order to overcome the difficulties;

^{5/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement 27 and corrigendum (A/40/27 and Corr.1), sect. III.F.

^{6/} See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

^{7/} See A/44/235-S/20600, annex.

5. **Recommends** that the Conference on Disarmament should actively continue negotiations with a view to reaching early **agreement** and concluding effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, taking into **account** the widespread support for the conclusion of an international convention and giving consideration to any other proposals designed to secure the **same** objective;

6. **Decides** to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "**Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons**".
