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Letter dated 5 November 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Belgium and Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to attach the text of the final document adopted at the conclusion of the International Conference on Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development, held in Brussels on 12 and 13 October 1998 (see annex). The Conference had been convened at the joint initiative of Réginald Moreels, Belgian Secretary of State for Development Cooperation, and Oscar Arias, former President of Costa Rica and Nobel Prize winner.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 71 (g), (j) and (m) and 94 (d).

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Annex

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