



Eighteenth session
Agenda item 34

CONVERSION TO PEACEFUL NEEDS
OF THE RESOURCES RELEASED
BY DISARMAMENT

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, the General Assembly, believing that the allocation of a portion of the resources released by disarmament to assisting the development efforts of the peoples of the less developed countries would enable them to improve substantially within a generation their standards of living, invited the Secretary-General and the Governments of developing countries to "intensify their efforts to establish and implement ... development plans ..., the implementation of which may be accelerated as part of an economic programme for disarmament ...," and requested the Secretary-General "to present his preliminary report on this matter to the Assembly at a forthcoming session, if possible at the eighteenth session."
2. The report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with this request will be found in document A/5538. Information furnished by Governments, in response to a note circulated by the Secretary-General on 23 January 1963, as well as communications from international organizations, will be found in documents E/3736/Add.1-9.

3. Resolution 1837 (XVII) also requested the Secretary-General "to make available to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session the report prepared for the session of the Economic and Social Council pursuant to Council resolution 891 (XXXIV)." This report will be found in documents E/3736 and Add.1-9. The addenda, consisting of communications from Governments and international organizations, pertain not only to the Secretary-General's report to the General Assembly under Assembly resolution 1837 (XVII), as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, but also to his report to the Economic and Social Council under Council resolution 891 (XXXIV). A summary of the Council's discussions at its thirty-sixth session on the economic and social consequences of disarmament will be found in chapter I of its annual report to the General Assembly.^{1/} The Council concluded its consideration of this subject by the adoption of resolution 982 (XXXVI).

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session,
Supplement No. 3 (A/5503).