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CONVERSION TO PEACEFUL NEEDS OF THE RESOURCES  
RELEASED BY DISARMAMENT

- (a) REPORTS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;
- (b) REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 1336th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1965, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 44 entitled "Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament: (a) reports of the Economic and Social Council; (b) reports of the Secretary-General".
2. The Committee discussed this item at its 1009th and 1010th meetings, on 9 December 1965.
3. In considering this item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/6030); two reports of the Secretary-General on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (E/3898/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1 and E/3898/Add.1-6; E/4042 and Add.1); and the chapters of the reports of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its nineteenth and twentieth sessions relating to that question.<sup>1/</sup>
4. The Committee also had before it a draft resolution submitted by Algeria, Argentina, Chad, Costa Rica, Gabon, India, Iraq, Lebanon, Niger, Nigeria, the Philippines, Senegal, Togo, Uganda and the United States of America (A/C.2/L.834 and Add.1 and 2), which read as follows:

<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/5803), chapter II; *ibid.*, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6003), chapter III.

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 entitled 'Declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament' and its resolution 1931 (XVIII) entitled 'Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament',

"Taking into account its resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, which calls for proposals relating, inter alia, to the utilization of resources released by disarmament for the purpose of economic and social development in particular of the developing countries,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 982 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1965 entitled 'Economic and social consequences of disarmament', concerning, inter alia, the advantages which disarmament could have on the economic and social programmes throughout the world, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1087 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965,

"Bearing in mind recommendation A.VI.10 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which states as follows: 'deems it necessary that in considering studies and working out proposals within the framework of the United Nations on economic and social consequences of disarmament as provided by the aforementioned decisions of the United Nations General Assembly, due attention be paid to the trade aspects of the economic programme of disarmament',

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled 'Economic and social consequences of disarmament - Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament' (E/4042 and Add.1), and the reports of the Economic and Social Council (A/5803 and A/6003 (chapters II and III respectively)),

"1. Takes note of the Secretary-General's report and the reports of the Economic and Social Council;

"2. Expresses thanks and appreciation to Governments for information so far received by the Secretary-General;

"3. Hopes that Governments of Member States, particularly of those countries significantly involved, will make serious effort to develop national studies regarding economic and social aspects of disarmament and transmit them to the Secretary-General as early as feasible;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the national studies he receives concerning the economic and social consequences of disarmament, of the international studies carried out as part of a co-ordinated programme of the Inter-Agency Committee, and of such studies undertaken by non-governmental organizations as he deems appropriate;

"5. Decides to consider this item at the twenty-first session of the General Assembly."

The representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced the draft resolution at the 1009th meeting.

5. At the same meeting, the United States of America withdrew its sponsorship of the draft resolution, and Cameroon and Iran became sponsors.

6. At the 1010th meeting, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the sponsors, made the following oral changes in the text:

(a) The fourth paragraph of the preamble was revised to read:

"Bearing in mind the recommendation contained in annex A.VI.10 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which pointed to the necessity of paying due attention to the trade aspects of the economic programme of disarmament in considering studies and working out proposals within the framework of the United Nations on economic and social consequences of disarmament as provided by the relevant decisions of the United Nations General Assembly,";

(b) Operative paragraph 5 was revised to read as follows:

"5. Decides that this item be placed on the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly."

7. The Committee then voted on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.834 and Add.1 and 2) as revised above, and approved it by 75 votes to one.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolutions 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 1931 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 on conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament,

Taking into account its resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, which calls for proposals relating, inter alia, to the utilization of resources released by disarmament for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular that of the developing countries,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 982 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963 on the economic and social consequences of disarmament, concerning, inter alia, the advantages which disarmament could have on the economic and social programmes throughout the world, and Council resolution 1087 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965,

Bearing in mind the recommendation contained in annex A.VI.10 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which pointed to the necessity of paying due attention to the trade aspects of the economic programme of disarmament in considering studies and working out proposals within the framework of the United Nations on the economic and social consequences of disarmament as provided by the relevant decisions of the United Nations General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Economic and social consequences of disarmament - conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament",<sup>2/</sup> and the relevant chapters of the reports of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>3/</sup>

1. Takes note of the Secretary-General's report and the reports of the Economic and Social Council;
2. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to Governments for information so far received by the Secretary-General;
3. Hopes that Governments of Member States, particularly of those countries significantly involved, will make a serious effort to develop national studies regarding the economic and social aspects of disarmament and transmit them to the Secretary-General as early as feasible;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the national studies submitted to him concerning the economic and social consequences of disarmament, of the international studies carried out as part of a co-ordinated programme of the Inter-Agency Committee, and of such studies undertaken by non-governmental organizations as he deems appropriate;
5. Decides that this item be placed on the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly.

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<sup>2/</sup> E/4042 and Add.1.

<sup>3/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/5803), chapter II; ibid., Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6003), chapter III.