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Agenda item 44CONVERSION TO PEACEFUL NEEDS OF THE RESOURCES  
RELEASED BY DISARMAMENTNote by the Secretary-General

1. At its twentieth session the General Assembly, in resolution 2092 (XX), expressed the hope that Governments of Member States, particularly of those countries significantly involved, would make a serious effort to develop national studies of the economic and social aspects of disarmament. It requested 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 set up by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and of such studies undertaken by non-governmental organizations as he deems appropriate.
2. The Secretary-General has, since 1962, been reporting annually to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council on the status of national and international activity in this field. The Council, at its forty-first session, took note of his latest report, which was issued in document E/4169 and Add.1.
3. At the same session the Council, in resolution 1154 (XLI) on documentation, endorsed the Secretary-General's proposal that, in future, reports concerning the economic and social consequences of disarmament might be presented to the Council on a biennial basis, "unless developments warrant additional reports" (E/4157, para. 10).
4. An account of the discussions in the Council will be found in chapter XIII, section III, and chapter XVI, section VIII, of its annual report to the Assembly (A/6303).

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