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[on the report of the First Committee (A/45/781)]

45/61. Science and technology for disarmament

The General Assembly,

Convinced that science and technology can profoundly contribute to solving the problems of mankind, especially to promoting its social and economic development,

Noting the interest of the international community in disarmament-related applications of scientific and technological achievements,

Recognizing the contributions that may be offered by scientific and technological progress for implementing arms control and disarmament agreements, inter alia, in the fields of verification and of compliance, by parties, with agreements on arms control and disarmament as well as of weapons disposal,

Welcoming related international activities undertaken so far in this area,

Considering the need for intensified international co-operation, with a view to using scientific and technological achievements for disarmament-related purposes, inter alia, in the fields of verification of compliance with agreements on arms control and disarmament, application of technologies for improved means of verification and weapons disposal,

Noting the United Nations conference on New Trends in Science and Technology: Implications for International Peace and Security, held at Sendai, Japan, in April 1990, and the United Nations conference on Conversion: Economic Adjustments in an Era of Arms Reductions, held in Moscow in August 1990, which contributed to promoting international co-operation in this field,

1. Welcomes national and international activities to use scientific and technological achievements for disarmament-related purposes;

2. Calls upon Member States and relevant intergovernmental organizations to intensify and extend such activities and to keep the United Nations informed about progress in this field;

3. Invites all Member States and relevant international organizations to develop international co-operation in this area, with a view to using scientific and technological achievements for disarmament-related purposes, inter alia, in the fields of verification and of compliance, by parties, with agreements on arms control and disarmament and application of technologies for improved means of verification and for weapons disposal;

4. Recommends that the United Nations should give appropriate attention to the collection and dissemination of information on scientific and technological developments in these fields;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Science and technology for disarmament".

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