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Strengthening of security and co-operation in the  
Mediterranean region

Report of the First Committee

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region" was included in the agenda of the forty-first session in accordance with General Assembly resolution **40/157** of 16 December 1985.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1986, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. The First Committee considered item 67 jointly with items 68, 69 and 141 at its 52nd to 59th meetings, from 20, 21 and 24 to 26 November 1986 (see **A/C.1/41/PV.52-59**).

4. In connection with item 67, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (**A/41/486** and **Add.1**);

(b) Letter dated 31 December 1985 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (**A/41/69-S/17707** and **Corr.1** and **2**);

(c) Letter dated 2 January 1986 from the **Charge d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (**A/41/73-S/17710** and **Corr.1**);

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(d) Letter dated 15 January 1986 from the **Permanent Representative Of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/92-S/17742) ;

(e) Letter dated 24 January 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/116-S/17763) ;

(f) Letter dated 4 February 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/135-S/17792) ;

(g) Letter dated 5 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of **Yugoslavia** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/139-S/17799) ;

(h) Letter dated 7 February 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/152-S/17804) ;

(i) Letter dated 7 February 1986 from the **Charge d'affaires a. i. of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/153-S/17808) ;

(j) Letter dated 6 February 1986 from the **Acting Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/155-S/17810) ;

(k) Letter dated 6 February 1986 from the **Acting Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/156-S/17811) ;

(l) Letter dated 1 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of **Yugoslavia** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/187 and Corr.1) ;

(m) Letter dated 24 March 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a. i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/231) ;

(n) Letter dated 26 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of **Czechoslovakia** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/233-S/17942) ;

(o) Letter dated 25 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/234-S/17943) ;

(p) Letter dated 26 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of **India to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/237-S/17947) ;

(q) Letter dated 27 March 1986 from the **Acting Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/240-S/17955) ;

(r) **Note verbale** dated 31 **March 1986** from the Permanent **Representative Of Afghanistan** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/256-S/17957) ;

(s) Letter dated 31 **March 1986** from the Permanent Representative **of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/257-S/17958) ;

(t) Letter dated 1 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic **Yemen** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/261-S/17966) ;

(u) Letter dated 31 **March 1986** from the Charge **d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Mission **of the Lao People's Democratic Republic** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/262-S/17967) ;

(v) Letter dated 7 April 1986 from the Permanent **Representative** of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/271-S/17978) ;

(w) Letter dated 12 April 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan **Arab Jamahiriya** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/278-S/17983) ;

(x) Letter dated 14 April 1.986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a. i.** of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan **Arab Jamahiriya** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/279-S/17986) ;

(y) Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/285-S/17996) ;

(a) Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative **of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/287-S/17999) ;

(aa) Letter dated 15 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative Of **Czechoslovakia** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/288-S/18000) ;

(bb) Letter dated 16 April 1986 from the **Chargé d'affairee a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of **Burundi** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/292-S/18006) ;

(cc) Letter dated 16 April 1986 from the **Chargé d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of the Lao People's **Democratic Republic** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/293-S/18009) ;

(dd) Letter dated 16 April 1986 from the Acting Permanent Representative of **Bulgaria** to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/296-S/18012) ;

(tee) Letter dated 16 April 1986 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/297) ;

(ff) Letter dated 17 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/299-S/18015) ;

(gg) Letter dated 18 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/303-S/18021) ;

(hh) Letter dated 21 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/306) ;

(ii) Letter dated 23 April 1986 From the Permanent Representative of Democratic Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/310-S/18031) ;

(jj) Letter dated 8 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/327) ;

(kk) Letter dated 15 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/341-S/18065 and Corr.1) ;

(11) Letter dated 4 July 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/443) ;

(mm) Letter dated 28 July 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/489-S/18247) ;

(nn) Letter dated 31 July 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/496-S/18253) ;

(oo) Letter dated 27 August 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/556-S/18303) ;

(pp) Letter dated 27 August 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/557-S/18304) ;

(qq) Letter dated 8 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/587-S/18328) ;

(rr) Letter dated 17 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/617-S/18346) ;

(ss) Letter dated 3 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/675-S/18379) ;

(tt) Letter dated 30 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/697-S/18392) ;

(uu) Note verbale dated 9 October 1986 from the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/703-S/18395) ;

(vv) Letter dated 15 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/41/5) .

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

### Draft resolutions A/C.1/41/L.90 and Rev.1

5. On 21 November, Algeria, Cyprus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Morocco, Romania, Tunisia and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution, entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region" (A/C.1/41/L.90), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 36/102 of 9 December 1981, 37/118 of 1 December 1982, 38/189 of 20 December 1983, 39/153 of 17 December 1984 and 40/157 of 16 December 1985,

"Recognizing the importance of promoting peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region and of strengthening further the economic, commercial and cultural links in the region,

"Expressing concern over persistent and increasing tension in parts of the Mediterranean region and the consequent threat to peace,

"Deeply concerned at the recent extension of military operations to new areas of the Mediterranean and the grave dangers which these create for peace, security and general equilibrium in the region,

"Considering, in this regard, the urgency for all States to conform in their actions to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as to the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

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1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

**“Considering also the necessity to intensify efforts towards the promotion of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region,**

**“Reaffirming the need to promote security and to strengthen co-operation in the region, as provided for in the Mediterranean chapter of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975,**

**“Recalling the declarations of successive meetings of non-aligned countries concerning the Mediterranean, as well as official declarations on, and contributions to, peace and security in the Mediterranean region made by individual countries,**

**Reaffirming the primary role of Mediterranean countries in the promotion of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region,**

**“Recalling, in this connection, the Final Declaration adopted at Valletta on 11 September 1984 by the Mediterranean members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, 2/ and the commitments assumed by the participants with the objective of contributing to peace and security in the region,**

**“Welcoming the efforts realized by the Mediterranean members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to strengthen regional co-operation in various fields among themselves and between them and the European countries,**

**“Taking note of the adoption by the Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe of the document of the Stockholm Conference on concrete, militarily significant, politically binding and verifiable confidence- and security-building measures,**

**“Taking note of the desire of the Mediterranean countries to launch a process of European-Mediterranean consultation on security questions,**

**“Taking note also of the debate on this item during the various sessions Of the General Assembly, and, in particular, of the report by the Secretary-General on this item,**

**“1. Reaffirms:**

**“(a) That the security of the Mediterranean is closely linked with European security and with international peace and security;**

**“(b) That further efforts are necessary for the reduction of tension and of armaments and for the creation of conditions of security and fruitful co-operation in all fields for all countries and peoples of the Mediterranean, on the basis of the principles of sovereignty, independence, territorial**

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2/ A/39/526-1/16758 and Corr. 1, annex.

integrity, security, non-intervention and non-interference, non-violation of international borders, non-use of force or threat of use of force, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, peaceful settlement of disputes and respect for permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

"(c) The need for just and viable solutions of existing problems and crises in the area on the basis of the provisions of the Charter and of relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and the right of peoples under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination and independence

"2. Takes note of paragraph 24 of the Stockholm document of the Stockholm Conference on confidence- and security-building measures and disarmament in Europe which inter alia confirms the intention of the CSCE participants to develop good-neighbourly relations with all States of the region, with due regard to reciprocity, and in the spirit of the principles contained in the Declaration on Principles, guiding relations between participating States, so as to promote confidence and security and make peace prevail in the region in accordance with the provisions contained in the Mediterranean chapter of the Final Act;

"3. Welcomes any further communication to the Secretary-General, from all States, of proposals, declarations and recommendations on strengthening peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

"4. Urges all States to co-operate with the Mediterranean States in the further efforts required to reduce tension and promote peace, security and co-operation in the region in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

"5. Encourages once again efforts to intensify existing forms and to promote new forms of co-operation in various fields, particularly those aimed at reducing tension and strengthening confidence and security in the region;

"6. Renews its invitation to the Secretary-General to give due attention to the question of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region, and, if requested to do so, to render advice and assistance to concerted efforts by Mediterranean countries in promoting peace, security and co-operation in the region;

"7. Invites the member States of the relevant regional organizations to lend support and to submit to the Secretary-General concrete ideas and suggestions on their potential contribution to the strengthening of peace and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, on the basis of all replies received and notifications submitted in the implementation of the present resolution and,

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taking into account the debate on this question during its forty-first session, an updated report on the strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

"9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled 'Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region'."

6. On 25 November, Algeria, Cyprus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Morocco, Romania, Tunisia and Yugoslavia submitted a revised draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region" (A/C.1/41/L.90/Rev.1), which was introduced by the representative of Malta at the 59th meeting, on 26 November.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/41/L.90/Rev.1 without a vote (see pars. 8).

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

a. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution

#### Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/102 of 9 December 1981, 37/118 of 16 December 1982, 38/189 of 20 December 1983, 39/153 of 17 December 1984 and 40/157 of 16 December 1985,

Recognizing the importance of promoting peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region and of strengthening further the economic, commercial and cultural links in the region,

Expressing concern at the persistent and increasing tension in parts of the Mediterranean region and the consequent threat to peace,

Deeply concerned at the continuing military operations in the Mediterranean and the grave dangers that these create for peace, security and general equilibrium in the region,

Considering in this regard, the urgency for all States to conform in their actions to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as to the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States In accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

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Considering also the necessity to intensify efforts towards the promotion of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region,

Reaffirming the need to promote security and to strengthen co-operation in the region, as provided for in the Mediterranean chapter of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975, 3/

Recalling the declarations of successive meetings of non-aligned countries concerning the Mediterranean, as well as official declarations on, and contributions to, peace and security in the Mediterranean region made by individual countries,

Reaffirming the primary role of Mediterranean countries in the promotion of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region,

Recalling, in this connection, the Final Declaration adopted at Valletta on 11 September 1984 by the Mediterranean members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, 2/ and the commitments assumed by the participants with the objective of contributing to peace and security in the region,

Welcoming the efforts realized by the Mediterranean members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to strengthen regional co-operation in various fields among themselves and between them and the European countries,

Taking note of the adoption by the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe of the document of the Stockholm Conference on concrete, militarily significant, politically binding and verifiable confidence- and security-building measures,

Taking note of the desire of the non-aligned Mediterranean countries to launch a process of consultation with the European-Mediterranean and other European countries on peace, security and co-operation in the region,

Taking note also of the debate on this item during the various sessions of the General Assembly, and, in particular, of the report of the Secretary-General on this item, 4/

1. Reaffirms:

(a) That the security of the Mediterranean is closely linked with European security and with international peace and security)

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3/ Cmd. 6198 (London, H. M. Stationery Office, 1975) .

4/ A/41/486 and Add. 1..

(b) That further efforts are necessary for the reduction of tension and of armaments and for the creation of conditions of security and fruitful co-operation in all fields for all countries and peoples of the Mediterranean, on the basis of the principles of sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, security, non-intervention and non-interference, non-violation of international borders, non-use of force or threat of use of force, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, peaceful settlement of disputes and respect for permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

(c) The need for just and viable solutions of existing problems and crises in the area on the basis of the provisions of the Charter and of relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and the right of peoples under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination and independence,

2. Takes note of paragraph 24 of the document of the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe, which, inter alia, confirms the intention of the participants in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe to develop good-neighbourly relations with all States in the region, with due regard to reciprocity, and in the spirit of the principles contained in the Declaration on Principles, guiding relations between participating States, so as to promote confidence and security and make peace prevail in the region in accordance with the provisions contained in the Mediterranean chapter of the Final Act;

3. Welcomes any further communication to the Secretary-General, from all States, of proposals, declarations and recommendations on strengthening peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

4. Urges all States to co-operate with the Mediterranean States in the further efforts required to reduce tension and promote peace, security and co-operation in the region in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with the provisions of the Declaration on Principles;

5. Encourages once again efforts to intensify existing forms and to promote new forms of co-operation in various fields, particularly those aimed at reducing tension and strengthening confidence and security in the region;

6. Renews its invitation to the Secretary-General to give due attention to the question of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region and, if requested to do so, to render advice and assistance to concerted efforts by Mediterranean countries in promoting peace, security and co-operation in the region;

7. Invites the States members of the relevant regional organizations to lend support and to submit to the Secretary-General concrete ideas and suggestions on their potential contribution to the strengthening of peace and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, on the basis of all replies received and notifications submitted in the implementation of the present resolution and taking into account the debate on this question during its forty-first session, an updated report on the strengthening of Security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region".

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