

national liberation movements and to take urgent and effective measures for the speedy completion of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples¹³⁹ and for the final elimination of colonialism, racism and *apartheid*.

13. *Welcomes* the continuation of the process within the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and expresses the hope that the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe, the continent with the greatest concentration of armaments and military forces, will achieve significant and positive results;

14. *Reiterates its call* upon great Powers to abandon policies of confrontation which have hitherto given rise to tension and mistrust and to engage without any further delay in genuine and constructive negotiations in good faith, taking into account the interests of the entire international community;

15. *Reaffirms* that the democratization of international relations is an imperative necessity enabling, under the conditions of interdependence, the full development and independence of all States as well as the attainment of genuine security, peace and co-operation in the world, and stresses its firm belief that the United Nations offers the best framework for the promotion of these goals;

16. *Invites* Member States to submit their views on the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the basis of the replies received;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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39/156. Strengthening of international security: common security

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the common interest of all nations in promoting an effective approach to security, which will seek the common security of all nations,

Firmly believing that the mind of man can prevail over the weapons of war,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the relevant information on the consultations in the Security Council, provided by the President of the Council in his notes dated 12 September 1983¹³² and 28 September 1984;¹³³

2. *Welcomes* the important considerations contained therein;

3. *Reaffirms*, in particular, as the prerequisite for peace, the need for strict compliance by all Member States with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and with the Charter itself, as well as the obligation of States to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council;

4. *Expresses its awareness* of the respective functions and specific powers of the Security Council and the other principal organs of the United Nations;

5. *Welcomes* the serious, comprehensive discussions that have already taken place;

6. *Takes note*, in particular, of the concentration of discussion on specific aspects of the work of the Security

Council, as well as of the prevailing collegial efforts to advance ideas with best prospects for producing agreement;

7. *Stresses* the primary responsibility of the Security Council, acting on behalf of the international community, in the collective maintenance of peace and security;

8. *Encourages* the Security Council, subject to its own priorities, to intensify its efforts in the prevention of international conflict and the peaceful settlement of disputes by envisaging, if possible, a more systematic series of meetings under the agreed five main aspects mentioned in paragraph 2 of the note of the President of the Council dated 12 September 1983;¹³²

9. *Welcomes* further information from the Security Council on the progress achieved, at periodic intervals, as deemed appropriate.

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39/157. Implementation of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, contained in resolution 33/73 of 15 December 1978,

Recalling also its resolution 36/104 of 9 December 1981, in which, *inter alia*, it reaffirmed the lasting importance of the preparation of societies for life in peace as part of all constructive efforts to shape relations among States and to strengthen international peace and security, and recognized the paramount value of positive moulding of human consciousness for the fulfilment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the year 1985 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the historic Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples¹³⁹ and the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations¹³⁵ and the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,¹³⁴

Taking into consideration that the General Assembly declared 1986 to be the International Year of Peace,¹⁴⁰ which will be solemnly proclaimed on 24 October 1985 and linked with the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations,

Aware of and concerned over the current state of international relations, which calls for renewed efforts to promote confidence and create lasting guarantees for a propitious climate of international relations,

Reiterating that the peoples of the United Nations are determined to contribute their genuine share of efforts towards international peace and understanding,

Noting the important role and historic responsibility of Governments, heads of State or Government as well as other statesmen, politicians, diplomats and civic leaders for the maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security,

Expressing its satisfaction that notwithstanding the unfavourable trends in international relations, there is specific evidence of some progress, although insufficient, in both national and international efforts towards the preparation of societies for life in peace, notably in the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies con-

¹³⁹ Resolution 1514 (XV).

¹⁴⁰ Resolution 37/16.

cerned as well as other governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁴¹ prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/104,

1. *Solemnly reaffirms* the lasting validity of the purposes and principles enshrined in the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, based on the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* all Governments, the United Nations and the concerned organizations of its system, other international as well as national organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to incorporate active promotion of the ideas of the preparation of societies for life in peace in their programmes, including those concerning the observances of the International Year of Peace, 1986;

3. *Reaffirms* the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to establish lasting conditions of world peace, international understanding and mutually beneficial co-operation;

4. *Recognizes* the role and great historic responsibility of Governments, heads of State or Government as well as other statesmen, politicians, diplomats and civic leaders for the establishment, maintenance and strengthening of a just and durable peace for present and future generations;

5. *Solemnly invites* all States to further intensify their efforts towards the implementation of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace by strictly adhering to the principles enshrined in the Declaration and by taking all necessary steps towards that end at the national and international levels;

6. *Reiterates its appeal* for concerted action on the part of Governments, the United Nations and the specialized agencies, as well as other interested international and national organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to give tangible effect to the supreme importance of and need for establishing, maintaining and strengthening a just and durable peace for present and future generations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider convening in 1986, within the programme of the International Year of Peace, a panel of peace research experts to consider, in a comprehensive manner, questions pertaining to the implementation of the Declaration;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue following the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration on all planes and in the light of the observances of the International Year of Peace, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly not later than at its forty-second session.

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39/158. Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/119 of 16 December 1982 and 38/191 of 20 December 1983 on the implementation

¹⁴¹ A/39/143 and Add.1.

¹⁴² Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

¹⁴³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1).*

¹⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/38/1).*

¹⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/39/1).*

¹⁴⁶ S/15971. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-eighth Year, Resolutions and Decisions, 1983*, part II, "Considera-

tion of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Reaffirming that the primary function of the United Nations, in particular through the Security Council, is the maintenance of international peace and security,

Stressing that the purposes of the United Nations can be achieved only under conditions in which States comply fully with their obligations assumed under the Charter,

Alarmed over the growing tendency of States to resort to the use of force, intervention and interference in the internal affairs of other States, thus ignoring the Charter and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,¹⁴²

Concerned that the Security Council has not always been able to take decisive action for the maintenance of international peace and for resolving international problems,

Recognizing that fundamental approaches to genuine security include, *inter alia*, the strengthening of the Charter system of collective security,

Conscious of the important role with which the Security Council is entrusted in enhancing the collective security provisions of the Charter for the promotion of peace and security in the world in accordance with the Charter,

Regretting that the provisions of the Charter relating to collective security measures have not been fully implemented,

Taking into account, in this connection, the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh,¹⁴³ thirty-eighth¹⁴⁴ and thirty-ninth sessions,¹⁴⁵

Also taking into account the note by the President of the Security Council dated 12 September 1983,¹⁴⁶

Recalling the Political Declaration adopted by the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 7 to 12 March 1983,¹⁴⁷

Also recalling the views of the Governments of the five Nordic countries on the strengthening of the United Nations,¹⁴⁸

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security,¹⁴⁹

Having considered the item entitled "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security",

1. *Regrets* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Implementation of the Collective Security Provisions of the Charter of the United Nations which the General Assembly decided to establish by its resolution 38/191 has not been constituted;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to undertake consultations with the regional groups to appoint fifty-four Member States to constitute the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Committee¹⁵⁰ on the basis of equitable geographical representation and including the permanent members of the Security Council;

tion of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, 1982".

¹⁴⁷ A/38/132-S/15675 and Corr.1 and 2, annex, sect. I.

¹⁴⁸ A/38/271-S/15830, annex. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-eighth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1983*, document S/15830, annex.

¹⁴⁹ A/39/144 and Add.1

¹⁵⁰ The membership of the Committee will be announced subsequently.