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CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE RESOLUTIONS
AND DECISIONS ON DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
MATTERS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS
FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

Addendum

I have the honour to transmit herewith the list of those resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, which make specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament, as well as the other resolutions and decisions dealing with or related to disarmament and international security matters.

(Signed): Kofi A. Annan

Annex

Decisions on disarmament and international security issues adopted at the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly*:

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| 58/515 | Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification |
| 58/516 | Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security |
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All documents and records on disarmament and international security items were distributed during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly to all Members of the United Nations, including all members of the Conference on Disarmament

58/515. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,¹ decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification”.

58/516. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,² decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security”.

¹ A/58/452, para. 7.

² A/58/456, para. 7.

58/517. United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 133 to 6, with 38 abstentions,³ and on the recommendation of the First Committee,⁴ recalling its resolution 57/69 of 22 November 2002, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament”.

³ *In favour*: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: France, Israel, Monaco, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

⁴ A/58/462, para. 83.

58/518. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,⁵ decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “Establishment of a nuclear weapon-free zone in Central Asia”.

58/519. Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,⁶ recalling its resolutions 51/45 N of 10 December 1996, 52/38 G of 9 December 1997, 53/77 M of 4 December 1998, 54/54 H of 1 December 1999, 55/33 G of 20 November 2000, 56/24 P of 29 November 2001 and 57/81 of 22 November 2002, entitled “Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures”, taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on small arms, including consideration of the implementation of practical disarmament measures, submitted pursuant to its resolution 57/81,⁷ and taking into consideration the work of the Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures in this regard:

- (a) Decided to defer consideration of the item entitled “Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures” until its fifty-ninth session and to consider it biennially in the future;
- (b) (b) Also decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures”.

⁵ A/58/462, para. 83.

⁶ A/58/462, para. 83.

⁷ A/58/207.

58/520. Relationship between disarmament and development

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 177 to 1, with 2 abstentions,⁸ and on the recommendation of the First Committee,⁹ decided, pursuant to its resolution 57/65 of 22 November 2002, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “Relationship between disarmament and development”.

⁸ *In favour*: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Israel, Rwanda.

⁹ A/58/462, para. 83.

58/521. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 8 December 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee: ¹⁰

(a) Took note of the report of the Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament¹¹ and of requests made for Member States to continue consultations in this regard;

(b) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament”.

¹⁰ A/58/462, para. 83.

¹¹ A/57/848.