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### GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: MILITARY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

#### Comprehensive study on the military use of research and development

##### Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 37/99 J of 13 December 1982, the General Assembly decided that a comprehensive study should be carried out on the scope, role and direction of the military use of research and development, the mechanisms involved, its role in the overall arms race, in particular the nuclear-arms race, and its impact on arms limitation and disarmament, particularly in relation to major weapons systems, such as nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, with a view to preventing a qualitative arms race and to ensuring that scientific and technological achievements may ultimately be used solely for peaceful purposes. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to carry out the study, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, bearing in mind the savings that might be made from the existing budgetary appropriations; and to report on this subject to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.
2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Secretary-General appointed the Group of Governmental Experts on Military Research and Development in early 1983 and it began its work on 21 March 1983. Since then it has held five substantive sessions, two in 1983 and three in 1984.
3. By a letter dated 5 November 1984, which is annexed to the present report, the Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts informed the Secretary-General that the Group had made substantial progress in the preparation of its report, but that certain issues still remained to be resolved. The letter contains the request that the time period of the study be extended in order to enable the Group to resolve those issues and to submit its final report in time for the fortieth session of the General Assembly.

ANNEX

Letter dated 5 November 1984 from the Chairman of the Group of  
Governmental Experts on Military Research and Development  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Group of Governmental Experts appointed by you to carry out a study on military research and development in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 37/99 J has made substantial progress in the preparation of its report. Still, certain issues remain to be resolved. After consultations with the experts I have concluded that an extension of the Group's mandate could enable it to resolve these issues and to submit its final report in time for the fortieth session of the General Assembly.

I would, therefore, request that due consideration be given by the appropriate authority to the possibility of extending the time period of the study.

(Signed) Rolf BJORNERSTEDT  
Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts  
on Military Research and Development

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