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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITYReport of the First CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. **Kazimierz TOMASZEWSKI** (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled;

"Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security:

"(a) Implementation of the Declaration on the Preparation, of Societies for Life in **Peace**: report of the **Secretary-General**;

"(b) Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security; report of the Secretary-General"

was included in the provisional **agenda of** the forty-second session in accordance with General **Assembly** resolutions 39/157 of 17 December 1984 and **41/90 and 41/91 of** 4 December 1986.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1987, 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 general debate and consideration of agenda item 72 took place jointly with items 71 and 73, **at** the 49th to 57th meetings, on 19, 20 and 23 to 25 November 1987 (see A/C, **1/42/PV**, 49-57) .

4. In connection with item 72, the First Committee had before it the following documenter

(a) Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the Secretary-General (A/42/592 and **Add.1**) ;

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace; report of the Secretary-General (A/42/660);

(c) Letters dated 23 December 1906, 5, 8, 13, 16 and 23 January, 10 and 25 February, 2, 5, 9, 11, 26 and 30 March, 0, 13 and 28 April, 4, 12 and 21 May, 2, 0 and 26 June, 16 and 27 July, 17 and 21 August, 10 and 29 September, 6, 9, 19 and 30 October and 11 November 1907 from the Permanent Representative or the **Chargé d'affaires a. i.** of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/64-S/18543, A/42/71-S/10561, A/42/01-S/10593, **A/42/84-S/18596**, **A/42/90-S/18611**, A/42/96+/18627, A/42/124+/18684, A/42/154-S/10722, **A/42/161-S/18734**, A/42/162-S/18735, **A/42/164-S/18737**, **A/42/165-S/18739**, A/42/172-S/10747, A/42/175+/18750, A/42/100-S/10764, **A/42/190-S/18770**, A/42/215-S/10709, **A/42/221-S/18801**, A/42/250-S/18830, A/42/274-S/18046, A/42/291-S/18863, **A/42/303-S/18876**, A/42/316+/18091, **A/42/330-S/18904** **A/42/368-S/18950**, A/42/406-S/18905, **A/42/423-S/19000**, **A/42/486-S/19056**, A/42/503-S/19069, **A/42/558-S/19127**, **A/42/598-S/19168**, A/42/624-S/19182, **A/42/656-S/19207**, A/42/671-S/19223, A/42/707-S/19247 and A/42/735-S/19264) ;

(d) Letters dated 31 December 1986, 6, 13 and 19 January, 9 and 12 February, 4, 5, 26, 27 and 30 March, 1 and 23 April, 1 May, 15 June, 30 July, 26 and 27 August, 5, 22 and 23 October and 6 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the **Chargé d'affaires a. i.** of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/66-S/10552, A/42/74-S/18564, **A/42/86-S/18604**, A/42/91-S/18612, **A/42/117-S/18655**, A/42/123-S/10683, A/42/128-S/18692, **A/42/168-S/18742**, **A/42/169-S/18743**, **A/42/170-S/18745**, A/42/107-S/18763, **A/42/203-S/18775**, A/42/205-S/10770, **A/42/206-S/18780**, **A/42/240-S/18823**, **A/42/271-S/18845**, **A/42/347-S/18923**, **A/42/428-S/19007**, A/42/510-6/19074, A/42/51.3+/19077, **A/42/619-S/19178**, **A/42/680-S/19229**, **A/42/686-S/19231** and **A/42/767-S/19269**) ;

(e) Letters dated 5 and 29 January, 7 April, 5 June, 13 and 17 August and 20 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the **Chargé d'affaires a. i.** of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/60-S/10550, **A/42/113-S/18646**, A/42/213+/10706, **A/42/327-S/18902**, **A/42/477-S/19048**, **A/42/478-S/19051** and **Corr.1** and **A/42/593-S/19159**) ;

(f) Letters dated 9 January and 30 March 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/00-5/10571 and A/42/189-S/10760) ;

(g) Letters dated 14 and 16 January, 31 July, 21 and 31 August, 2 September and 4 and 9 October 1907 from the **Chargé d'affaires a. i.** of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/85-S/18599, **A/42/88-S/18608**, **A/42/432-S/19010** and **Corr. 2**, **A/42/500-S/19067**, **A/42/524-S/19088**, A/42/531+/19100, A/42/615-S/19173 and **A/42/634-S/19189**) ;

(h) Letters dated 2 and 23 February, 29 April, 5, 25 and 29 June, 17 August, 3 September, 5 October and 18 November 1907 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/114-S/18647, A/42/140-S/18716 and Corr. 1, A/42/260-S/18832, A/42/323-8/10099, A/42/367-0/10940, A/42/376-5/10959, A/42/479-8/19055, A/42/536-8/19104, A/42/616-8/19174 and A/42/703-S/19276 and Cor r. 1) ;

(i) Letters dated 12 March and 24 October 1907 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/174 and A/42/684) ;

(j) Letter dated 20 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/236-S/18818) ;

(k) Notes verbales dated 1 and 16 June and 28 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/312-S/18887, A/42/351-S/18929, A/42/352-S/18930 and A/42/425-S/19003) ;

(l) Letters dated 29 May and 12 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/313-S/18888 and A/42/354-E/1987/110) ;

(m) Letter dated 1 July 1907 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/377-S/18960) ;

(n) Letter dated 9 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/389-S/18972) ;

(o) Letter dated 15 July 1907 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/407) ;

(p) Letters dated 31 July, 7, 9 and 15 October and 24 November 1907 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/440-S/19014, A/42/626-S/19183, A/42/632-S/19188, A/42/663-S/19212 and A/42/800-S/19299) ;

(q) Letter dated 6 October 1909 from the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/622-S/19101) ;

(r) Letter dated 23 October 1907 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/681) ;

(s) Letter dated 2 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/708 and Cor r. 1) .

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

A. Draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.91

5. On 20 November, Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, the Congo, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mongolia, Panama, Peru, Poland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia submitted a **draft resolution** entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace" (A/C.1/42/L.91), which was later also sponsored by Cameroon and Ethiopia. The draft resolution was introduced by the **representative of Poland** at the **53rd meeting**, on **23 November**.

6. At its **57th meeting, on 25 November**, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.91 by a recorded vote of 106 to none, with **26 abstentions** (see para. 9, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows: 1/

In favour: Afghanistan, **Algeria**, Angola, Argentina, **Bahamas, Bahrain**, Bangladesh, Barbados, **Benin, Bhutan**, Bolivia, **Botswana**, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, **Burma**, Burundi, **Byelorussian** Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, **Congo**, Costa Rica, **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Cuba**, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, **Democratic Yemen**, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, **German Democratic Republic**, Ghana, **Guatemala**, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, **Hungary**, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), **Iraq**, Jordan, Kenya, **Kuwait**, **Libyan People's Democratic Republic**, Lesotho, Liberia, **Libyan Arab Jamahiriya**, **Madagascar**, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, **Morocco, Mozambique**, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, **Oman**, Pakistan, Panama, Papua **New Guinea**, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, **Saudi Arabia**, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, **Syrian Arab Republic**, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics**, United **Arab** Emirate, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, **Wet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire**, Zambia, **Zimbabwe**.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Democratic **Kampuchea**, **Denmark**, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, **Greece**, Iceland, Ireland, **Israel**, Italy, Japan, **Luxembourg, Malta**, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of **America**.

1/ The delegation of Malta **subsequently** indicated that it had intended to vote in **favour** of the adoption of the draft resolution.

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B. Draft resolution A/C.1/42/L.92

7. On 20 November, Algeria; Bangladesh, the Congo, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" (A/C.1/42/L.92). The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Yugoslavia at the Committee's 56th meeting, on 25 November.

8. At its 57th meeting, on 25 November, the **Committee** adopted draft resolution **A/C.1/42/L.92** by a recorded vote of 108 to 1, with 24 **abstentions (see para. 9, draft resolution XI)**. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, **Bahamas**, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina **Faso, Burma**, Burundi, **Byelorussian** Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape **Verde**, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, **Congo**, Cost^a Rica, **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Cuba**, Cyprus, Csechoslovaia, **Democratic** Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, **Egypt**, **Ethiopia**, Gabon, **German Democratic Republic**, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, **Hungary**, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, **Kuwait**, **Lao** People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, **Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal**, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua **New** Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, **Rwanda**, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, **Solomon** Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, **Swaziland**, Syrian Arab Republic, **Thailand**, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda; Ukrainian Soviet Socialist **Republic**, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab **Emirates**, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Wet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, **Canada**, Denmark, **Ecuador**, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, **Italy**, Japan, Luxembourg, **Netherlands**, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, **Spain**, Sweden, Turkey, United **Kingdom** of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

III. **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE**

9. The First **Committee** recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

**Implementation of the Declaration on the @reparation 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 that, in its resolution 36/104 of 9 December 1981 and 39/157 of 17 December 1984, it reaffirmed the lasting importance and 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,

Taking into account its invitation 2/ to 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 observance of the International Year of Peace, 1986,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General 3/ on the results of the International Year of Peace and the General Assembly resolution on the achievements of the International Year of Peace 4/ as well as the high rank that issues pertaining to the preparation of societies for life in peace were accorded in those documents,

Appreciating the need for the preparation of societies for life in peace in order to promote the pattern of peaceful relations among nations,

Aware of the important role that the idea of the preparation of societies for life in peace can play in the process of confidence-building and laying the foundation of durable international security through fostering in the minds of men and societies a perception of the right to life in peace as a fundamental human right,

Recognizing the desirability of providing for the full and implementation of the principles contained in the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace and for their further development in a manner consistent with and corresponding to the customs and traditions of each country,

2/ Resolution 39/157.

3/ A/42/487 and Corr.2 and Add.1.

4/ Resolution 42/13.

Taking into account the growing **timeliness** of the **Declaration** as well as the **valuable experience** gained in the course of the **implementation** of its **principles and objectives**,

Considering that the year **1988** will mark the **tenth anniversary** of the adoption of the **Declaration**,

Taking note with appreciation of the **report of the Secretary-General, 5/** prepared in **accordance** with resolution **39/157**,

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

3. Urges all States to continue their **sustained efforts** towards the **fullest** implementation of 'the **Declaration** at the national and the international levels, and **towards increasing its** national and international role by strictly adhering to the principles **enshrined** in that **document**;

4. Recommends that all **Governments** and appropriate institutions, while elaborating their **policies**, in particular their **education programmes** and school curricula, should keep in mind the **principles contained** in the **Declaration**;

5. Further recommends that the appropriate **bodies** of the **United Nations** and the **specialized agencies concerned** as well as other international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, while preparing their **programmes of work**, should be **guided** by the principles and objectives of the **Declaration**;

6. Calls upon all Governments, the **United Nations** and the concerned organisations of **its system**, as well as other international **organizations**, both **governmental** and non-governmental, to inform the Secretary-General of **progress** made in regard to the implementation of the **Declaration in all its aspects**;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to **submit** a report thereon to the General Assembly at its **forty-fifth session**.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the
Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security",

Noting with concern that the provisions of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security 6/ have not been fully implemented,

Concerned by the continued escalation of tension in the world, accompanied by the policy of competition for spheres of influence, domination and exploitation in many parts of the world, the continuation of the arms race, particularly in nuclear weapons, and the danger of its extension into outer space, by the recourse to the use or threat of use of force, military intervention and interference and foreign occupation, by the continued infringement of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries and by the lack of solutions to the world economic crisis, in which the deeper underlying problems of a structural nature have been compounded by cyclical factors and which has further aggravated the inequalities and injustices in international economic relations, all of which pose a grave threat to global peace and security,

Aware of the increasing interdependence among nations and of the fact that in the present-day world, there is no alternative to a policy of peaceful coexistence, détente and co-operation among States on the basis of equality, irrespective of their economic or military power, political and social systems or size and geographic location,

Convinced that a comprehensive and just solution to pressing international problems, such as achieving peace and security, disarmament and development, can be assured only through negotiations, based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in which all countries participate on an equal footing,

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations as an indispensable forum for negotiations and reaching agreements on measures to promote and strengthen international peace and security,

Stressing the need for the main organs of the United Nations responsible for the maintenance of peace and security, particularly the Security Council, to contribute more effectively to the promotion of international peace and security by seeking solutions to unresolved problems and crises in the world,

6/ Resolution 2734 (XXV).

1. Reaffirms the validity of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and calls upon all States to contribute effectively to its implementation;

2. Urges once again all States to abide strictly, in their international relations, by their commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and, to this end:

(a) To refrain from the use or threat of use of force, intervention, interference, aggression, foreign occupation and colonial domination or measures of political and economic coercion which violate the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and security of other States, as well as the permanent sovereignty of peoples over their natural resources;

(b) To refrain from supporting or encouraging any such act for any reason whatsoever and to reject and refuse recognition of situations brought about by any such act;

3. Calls upon all States, in particular the nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, to take immediate steps aimed at:

(a) Promoting and using effectively the system of collective security as envisaged in the Charter;

(b) Halting effectively the arms race and achieving general and complete disarmament under effective international control and, to this end, to conduct serious, meaningful and effective negotiations with a view to implementing the recommendations and decisions contained in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 7/ and to fulfilling the priority tasks listed in the Programme of Action set forth in section III of the Final Document 9

4. Invites all States, in particular the major military Powers and States members of military alliances, to refrain, especially in critical situations and in crisis areas, from actions, including military activities and manoeuvres, conceived within the context of East-West confrontation and used as a means of pressure or threat to and destabilization of other States and regions;

5. Expresses its conviction that the gradual military disengagement of the great Powers and their military alliances from various parts of the world should be promoted;

6. Urges all States, in particular the permanent members of the Security Council, to take all necessary measures to prevent the further deterioration of the international situation and, to this end, to seek, through more effective utilization of the means provided for in the Charter,

the peaceful **settlement** of disputes and ~~the~~ elimination of the **focal points of crisis** and tension, **which** constitute a threat to international **peace** and **security**;

7. Emphasises the role that the United Nations **has** in the **maintenance** of **peace** and security and in economic and **social** development and **progress** for the **benefit** of all **mankind**;

8. Stresses that there is an urgent need to enhance the **effectiveness** of the **Security Council** in discharging its principal role of maintaining international peace **and security** and to enhance the authority and **enforcement capacity** of the Council in accordance with **the Charter**;

9. Emphasizes that the **Security Council** should consider holding **periodic** meetings in **specific cases** to **consider** and review outstanding problems and **crises**, thus enabling the **Council**, to play a more active role in preventing conflicts;

10. Reiterates the need for the **Security Council**, in particular its permanent members, to ensure the **effective** implementation of **its** decisions in **compliance** with the relevant provisions of **the Charter**;

11. Considers that **respect** for and promotion of **human** rights and fundamental freedoms in their civil, political, **economic, social** and **cultural aspects**, on the **one** hand, and **the strengthening** of international peace and **security**, on the other, mutually **reinforce each other** ;

12. Reaffirms the **legitimacy** of the struggle of peoples under **colonial** domination, foreign **occupation** or **racist régimes** and their inalienable right to **self-determination** and **independence**, and urges **Member States** to **increase** their **support** for **and** solidarity with them and their 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 Peoples ^{8/} and for **the final elimination** Of colonialism, **racism** and apartheid;

13. Calls upon all States, particularly the members of the Security Council, to take appropriate and effective measures to promote **the fulfilment** of the **objective** of the denuclearization of Africa in order to avert **the serious** danger that **the** nuclear capability of **South Africa** **constitutes** to the African States, in particular the front-line **States**, as well as to international **peace** and security;

14. Welcomes the continuation of **the** process within **the** framework of **the** Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe!

^{8/} Resolution 1514 (XV) .

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 forty-third session on the basis of the replies received;

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