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**CONSIDERATION** OF AND ACTION ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS UNDER ALL DISARMAMENT AGENDA ITEMS

The CHAIRMAN: I call on the Secretary of the Committee, **Mr. Kheradi.**

Mr. KHEShould (Secretary of the Committee); i n f o r m

the Committee that the following countries have become sponsors of the following draft resolutions:

**A/C.1/46/L.36: Luxembourg;**

**A/C.1/46/L.7/Rev.1: Uruguay;**

**A/C.1/46/L.26: Republic of Korea and Senegal;**

**A/C.1/46/L.9, L.23, L.25, L.28 and L.43: India.**

The CHAIRMAN: In accordance with the programme of **work** and

timetable, this morning the Committee will begin taking action on draft resolutions under disarmament agenda items which appear in cluster 1. Those draft resolutions are listed in the informal paper which was distributed to members of the Committee on Tuesday, 5 **November**. As representatives were informed at our previous meeting, under cluster 1 today we shall take action on draft resolutions **A/C.1/46/L.1, L.3, L.5, L.8, L.10, L.13, L.26, L.33** and **L.39**.

Before proceeding to the stage of taking decisions on draft resolutions I should like once again to remind members of the Committee of the following procedure which will be **observed** during this stage of the **Committee's** work. As regards action on each individual cluster, delegations will first have the opportunity to introduce draft resolutions in that cluster. Delegations will then have the opportunity to make any statement other than in explanation of their positions **or** votes which they **regard** necessary with respect to the draft **resolutions in** the cluster.

**(The Chairman)**

Subsequently, delegations wishing to explain their positions or votes on any or all of the draft resolutions in a particular cluster before a decision is taken would do so. Then, after the Committee has taken a decision on the draft resolutions contained in a given cluster, delegations wishing to explain their positions or votes after the decision is taken would do so.

In connection with the procedures to which I have just referred, I wish to appeal to delegations to make a consolidated statement on draft resolutions contained in a given cluster, with respect to the statements and explanations of vote concerned. I am confident that I will have the Committee's cooperation in this matter since, in effect, such an approach will be conducive to greater rationalization of our work.

Before the Committee proceeds to take a decision on the draft resolutions contained in cluster 1, I shall call on those delegations wishing to introduce draft resolutions.

I call on the representative of Nigeria, who will introduce draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33.

**Mr. AZIKIWE** (Nigeria) : It is an honour for me to introduce, on behalf of the other sponsors, draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33, entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship training and advisory services".

The world is at a historic turning-point. Times are changing, giving rise to more hope perhaps than at any time in recent memory. Through the opportunities offered to an appreciable number of public officials by the United Nations disarmament fellowship and advisory services, a great deal of useful experience has been gained over the years. Indeed, some of the representatives participating in the work of this Committee today have benefited in the past from the fellowship programme. They certainly possess a

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much **clearer sense** of expertise on the complex and **complicated issues** of disarmament, **which enables** them to **respond effectively** to our deliberations.

The draft resolution before the Committee **is** essentially the **same as** the one **adopted** last year. In the preamble paragraph of the draft resolution **the Assembly** would note with **satisfaction** that the programme **has** trained a number of **public** officials. In addition, it would note that many officials of developing **countries** had acquired **expertise** through the training programme.

The **Assembly** would also **express its** appreciation to Member **States** which had rendered **financial assistance** to the workshop conducted under the **programme**. The support of all Member States **is** required to enable the training programme **to continue** to **achieve** its primary objective of providing **expertise** to developing countries in the field of disarmament.

It **is** the hope of the sponsors that the draft resolution will, **as** in **previous** sessions, be adopted without a vote.

**The CHAIRMAN:** As no delegations wish to make statements other than in explanation of their **positions** on draft resolutions in cluster 1, I **shall** now call on those delegations **wishing** to explain their position before a **decision is** taken on all draft resolutions in cluster 1.

**Mr. BRECKON** (United States of America): The United States **wishes to announce** that we will not participate in whatever action the **First Committee** takes on draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8 in cluster 1. The United States believes that disarmament and **development are** two distinct **issues** that cannot be **considered as** organically linked. Consequently, the United **States** did not participate in the 1987 International **Conference** on **this matter**.

(Mr. Breckon, United States)

The United **States** delegation requests that the record of **today's** proceedingsa refloat the fact that the United **States has** not participated in **consideration** of, ot action **on, draft** resolution **A/C.1/46/L.8**, on disarmament and development.

At the same time, out delegation **takes** this opportunity to state again that the United States **Government does** not and will not consider itself bound by the declarations in the Final Document of the International Conference.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The **statement** of the **representative** of the United States will appear in the record.

**Mr. MARIN BOSCH** (Mexico) (interpretation from Spanish): **Before** the First Committee takes action on the draft. decision in document **A/C.1/46/L.39**, the delegation of Mexico would like to state its understanding about the procedure to be followed in the ptepatatory process for the 1995 Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Ptolifetation of Nuclear Weapons (**NPT**). The text of the draft decision is the teault of a series of consultations initiated **a year** ago at the **forty-fifth session** of the **General Assembly**. In those consultations, reference **was** made to the fact that in 1990 there would be no draft **resolution** on the Treaty on the Non-Ptoliferation of Nuclear Weapons and that the preparatory procedure for the 1995 **Conference** would begin in 1992 or at the beginning of 1993, and that both the Preparatory Committee and the Conference itself would meet in New York.

**Of course**, this **is** neither the place not the time for taking **a** decision on **these** matters. In a **year** theta will be **consultations** by the **States parties**, but we do believe that it is opportune to state our understanding in this **regard**.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The Committee will now proceed to take a decision on draft resolutions listed in cluster 1, beginning with draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.1 entitled "World Disarmament Campaign" under agenda item 61 (d).

I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI** (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.1 has 17 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of Mexico at the 30th meeting of the First Committee on 7 November 1991. The sponsors of the draft resolution are as follows: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The **sponsors** of draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.1** have expressed the **wish** that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection, I **shall** take it that the Committee **wishes** to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A / -.

**The CHAIRMAN:** We **shall** now take a decision on draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.3**, entitled \*Report of the Disarmament Commission\*\*, under agenda item 62 (a).

I call on the Secretary of the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI** (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.3** has 15 **sponsors**. It **was introduced** by the representative of Austria at the 28th meeting of the First Committee, on 6 November 1991. The **list of sponsors is as follows:** Austria, Brasil, **Cameroon**, Csechoelovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, **Germany**, Hungary, Indonesia, the **Islamic** Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Petu, Poland and Romania.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The **sponsors** of draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.3** have **expressed** the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. **May I** take it that the Committee **wishes** to act accordingly?

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.3 was adopted.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The Committee will now take a decision on **A/C.1/46/L.5**, entitled "Second Review Conference of the **Parties** to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile **Use** of Environmental Modification **Techniques**", under agenda item 60.

I call on the Secretary of the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI** (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.5** has 2 **sponsors** and **was** introduced by the representative of

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Finland at the 28th meeting of the First Committee, on 6 November 1991. The sponsors are Argentina and Finland.

I should now like to make a statement on behalf of the **Secretary-General** with respect to draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.5**.

By the draft resolution **contained** in document **A/C.1/46/L.5**, entitled "**Second Review Conference** of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military **or** Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification **Techniques**", the General Assembly would note that, as a result of **consultations**, a majority of States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of **Environmental Modification** Techniques, had **expressed** their wish to **convene** the Second Review **Conference** of the parties to the Convention in September 1992 and that, to that end, the **Secretary-General** of the United Nations, as depositary of the Convention, would hold consultations with the parties to the Convention with regard to **questions** relating to the Conference and its **preparation**, including the establishment of a preparatory committee for the Conference. It would further request the Secretary-General to tender the necessary assistance and to **provide** such services, including **summary records**, as might **be** required for the Review Conference and its preparation. It would also note that arrangements for meeting the **costs** of the Review Conference and its preparation were to be made by the Conference.

Accordingly, the **Secretary-General** considers that his mandate under the draft resolution to render the necessary assistance and provide such **services**, including **summary** records, as may be required for the Review Conference and its **preparation** would have no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations and that the associated costs would be met in accordance



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with the financial **arrangements** to be made by the **parties** to the Convention. In this regard, the Controller **has** stressed that all activities related to international conventions or treaties which, under their **respective** legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations **may** be undertaken only when sufficient **resources to cover** the **activities** in question have been **received** from the States parties.

**Mrs. CASTRO de BARISH** (Costa Rica) (interpretation *from Spanish*):

As the Foreign Minister **of Costa** Rica stated in the general debate in the **Assembly**, we attach great importance to this issue. My delegation **would** therefore be grateful if we could be listed among the sponsors **of** this draft resolution.

**T h e** : The request **of** the representative **of** Costa Rica has been noted.

The sponsors of draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.5** have **expressed** the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. **May I** take it that the Committee wishes to act **accordingly**?

**Draft resolution A/** . . . 1 / . . .

**T h e** : The **Committee** will now take a **decision on** draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.8**, entitled "Relationship between **disarmament** and development", under agenda item 60 (e).

I call on the Secretary **of** the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI** (Secretary of the Committee): Draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.8** was introduced by the representative of Yugoslavia at the 30th meeting of the First Committee, on 7 November 1991, on behalf **of** the States **Members of** the United Nations which are **members** of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. Afghanistan has **also** become a sponsor of **this** draft resolution.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The sponsors of draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.8** have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

**Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.8 was adopted.**

**The CHAIRMAN:** We shall now proceed to take **action** on draft decision **A/C.1/46/L.10**, entitled "Conventional disarmament on a regional **scale**", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 60 **(n)**. I now call upon the **Secretary of** the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI** (Secretary of the Committee); Draft decision **A/C.1/46/L.10** was introduced by the representative of Peru at the **30th** meeting of the First Committee on 7 November 1991.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The sponsors of this draft **decision** have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the **Committee** without a vote. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the Committee **wishes** to **act** accordingly.

**Draft decision A/C.1/46/L.10 was adopted.**

**T h e :** We shall now proceed to take a **decision** on the draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.13** entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 64. I now call on the **Secretary** of the **Committee**.

**Mr. KHERADI** (Secretary of the Committee): **u t i o n** **A/C.1/46/L.13** has 22 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of Sweden at the 29th meeting of the First Committee, on 6 November 1991. The list of sponsors **is** as follows: Australia, Austria, **Belarus**, Belgium, Bolivia, **Cuba**, **Denmark**, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Samoa, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The **sponsors** of this **draft resolution** have **expressed** the wish that it be adopted by the **Committee without a vote**. If I hear no objection I shall take it that **the** Committee wishes to act accordingly.

**Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.13 was adopted.**

**The CHAIRMAN:** We shall now **proceed to take** a decision on resolution **A/C.1/46/L.26** entitled "**Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements**", submitted under agenda item 46. I now **call** on the Secretary of the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI** (Secretary **of** the Committee): Draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.26** has 41 sponsors and was introduced by the **representative** of the United States at the **31st** meeting of the **First Committee**, on **7** November 1991. The list **of** sponsors is as follows: Australia, Austria, **Belarus**, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, **Germany, Greece**, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic **of** Korea, **Romania**, Samoa, Senegal, Spain, **Sweden**, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the Union **of** Soviet Socialist Republics, the **United Kingdom of** Great Britain **and** Northern Ireland, the United **States** of America and Zaire.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The **sponsors of** this draft resolution have **expressed** the wish that it be adopted by the **Committee** without a vote. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act **accordingly**.

**Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.26 was adopted.**

**The CHAIRMAN:** We **shall** now proceed to take a decision on draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.33** entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services **programme**", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 61 **(b)**. I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee):** Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33 has 21 sponsors and was introduced by the representative of Nigeria at the 32nd meeting of the First Committee, on 6 November 1991. The list of sponsors is as follows: Algeria, Argentina, Bolivia, Cuba, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Viet Nam.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I call on the representative of Costa Rica on a point of order.

**Mrs. CASTRO de BARISH (Costa Rica) (interpretation from Spanish):** have asked to speak to request that Costa Rica be included among the sponsors of this draft resolution.

**The CHAIRMAN:** The statement by the representative of Costa Rica will be noted.

The sponsors of the draft resolution have expressed the wish that it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

**Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.33 was adopted.**

**The CHAIRMAN:** We shall now proceed to take a decision on draft decision A/C.1/46/L.39 entitled "Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee", listed in cluster 1 and submitted under agenda item 60. I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee):** s i o n A/C.1/46/L.39 was introduced by the representative of Peru at the 30th meeting of the First Committee, on 7 November 1991, on behalf of the parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

(Mr. Kheradi)

While I am speaking I should like to read out, on behalf of the **Secretary-General**, the following statement with respect to draft decision **A/C.1/46/L.39** regarding the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear **Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee**,

"By the draft **decision** contained in document **A/C.1/46/L.39** concerning the 1995 Conference and **its** Preparatory Committee for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the **General** Assembly would take note of the intent of the Parties to the Treaty to form a Preparatory Committee in 1993 for the Conference and would decide to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh **session** the **item** entitled 'Treaty on the **Non-Proliferation** of Nuclear **Weapons: 1995 Conference and its Preparatory Committee**'.

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"It should be noted that the **Conference** would be a conference of States **Parties** to **the Treaty**. **Accordingly**, the Secretary-General considers that, as with the **previous** four Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty, there would be no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations and that the **associated costs** would be **met** in accordance with the financial arrangements to be made by the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of **Nuclear** Weapons. In this regard, the Controller has stressed that all activities related to international Conventions or Treaties which, under their **respective** legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations, may be undertaken only when sufficient resources to cover the activities in **question** have been received from the States Parties."

**The CHAIRMAN:** The **sponsors** of the draft resolution have expressed the wish **that** it be adopted by the Committee without a vote. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Committee wishes to act accordingly.

Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.39 was adopted.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I shall now call on those delegations wishing to explain **their positions** after a decision **is** taken on all draft resolutions listed **in** aluster 1.

Mr, (Japan) a Draft **resolution A/C.1/46/L.33** has **just** been adopted without a vote. Japan considers that the United Nations fellowship programme **is** very important in promoting expertise in **disarmament** among future **leaders**, in particular of developing **countries**. At the **second** special **session** of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, held **in** 1982, Japan proposed to invite the participants in the programme to make a study visit to Japan, including visits to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Based on that proposal, Japan has received **more** than 200 participants since 1983.

**(Mr. Donowaki, Japan)**

My delegation **wishes to inform** the **Committee** that **this** year again, as last **year**, Japan has been happy to **welcome participants in** the **programme** to Japan, and Japan is willing to **continue** to **cooperate** with the programme **in the** future.

**Mr. LEE (Republic of Korea)** : I should like to speak on two draft resolutions that have just been adopted without a vote **A/C.1/46/L.26**, entitled "Compliance with *arms* limitation and disarmament **agreements**", and **A/C.1/46/L.33**, entitled "United Nations **disarmament** fellowship, training and advisory **services** programme".

As I speak in the **Committee for the first time**, **Mr. Chairman**, I **should** like to **express** on behalf of the delegation of the Republic of **Korea** my sincere congratulations to you on your **assumption of** the chairmanship **of** the **First Committee**, **as well as** to the other **members** of the Bureau **on their** election. I **assure** you of the full support and cooperation **of my** delegation. **We wish you every success.**

The Republic of Korea, **as** a sponsoring State, welcomes the adoption of draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.26**, entitled "Compliance with **arms** limitation and disarmament agreements". **We** find extremely significant the adoption **of the** draft resolution at this **historic** time of world-wide reconciliation and **cooperation, which** we are **convinced** will **serve as** an impetus for the **members** of the international **community** in complying with **arms** limitation and disarmament **agreements.**

The Republic of Korea **wishes to draw** particular **attention to** the important question **of compliance** with nuclear-related **agreements** by the parties involved. Taking into consideration the formidable destructive **power** of nuclear **weapons**, we cannot overemphasise that complete and sincere



(Mr. Lee, Republic of Korea)

compliance with nuclear-related agreements by all **States** Parties, whether nuclear-weapon **States** or non-nuclear-weapon States, **must** be ensured.

**We believe** that the **conclusion** of a **safeguards** agreement with **the** International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), **as** required under Article III of the non-proliferation Treaty, is an essential obligation to be fulfilled by all **States** Parties under the non-proliferation Treaty **regime** and **is** central to the **effectiveness and** validity of the Treaty.

In this regard, it is to our deep **concern** and regret that a certain country suspected of possessing **significant** nuclear **facilities** still fails to fulfil **these** vital obligations, and thus poses a threat to global stability and undermines the credibility **of** the international legal **system**

My delegation greatly appreciates the ongoing international **efforts** aimed at the realisation of such non-compliance, with a view to encouraging strict **observance** of the provisions **of** the non-proliferation Treaty regime **by the** party concerned and to **strengthening the** integrity **of** the Treaty.

The delegation **of** the Republic **of** Korea also wishes to place on record **its position** regarding draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.33**, which **has** also **just** been adopted by **consensus**.

**We** believe that the United Nations disarmament, fellowship, training and advisory **services** programme has made great contributions to enabling a number of **government** officials to **gain** expertise in the field of disarmament. My own **Government is** among **those** that have benefited **from the** programme. **We** hope that opportunities will continue to be accorded in the future to many other countries, especially in the developing world. My Government **is** prepared to contribute to the **successful** implementation **of** various United **Nations** **programmes** dedicated to **arms** control and disarmament.

**The CHAIRMAN:** We shall now proceed to take a decision on draft resolutions listed in cluster 2, beginning with draft resolution A/C. 1/46/L. 15, entitled "Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons", which comes under agenda item 60 (f).

I now call on the Secretary of the Committee.

**Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee):** Draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.15 has 5 sponsors and was **introduced** by the **representative** of Canada at the 30th **meeting** of the First Committee, on 7 **November** 1991. The **list** of sponsors **is as follows:** Bulgaria, **Canada**, Nigeria, Sweden and **Bolivia.**

**The CHAIRMAN:** The sponsors of this **draft** resolution have **expressed** the **wish** that the draft resolution be adopted by the Committee **without** a vote. If I hear **no** objection, **I shall take it** that the Committee **wishes** to **act** accordingly.

**Draft resolution AC.1/46/L.15 was adopted.**

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**The CHAIRMAN:** I would like to inform members of the **Committee** that owing to the ongoing consultations, action on **draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.40** will be delayed until a later stage.

At our meeting on Monday, I intend to put to the Committee for **action** the draft resolutions in cluster 3, with **the** exception of **draft** resolution **A/C.1/46/L.31;** in cluster 5, with the exception of draft resolution **A/C.1/46/L.9;** and in cluster 4. In cluster 4, we will **take** up draft resolutions **A/C.1/46/L.24, A/C.1/46/L.30 and A/C.1/46/L.35/Rev.1.**

**The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.**