PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES, RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND STUDIES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

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Corrigendum

Page 8, between paragraphs 16 and 17, insert a new paragraph reading

16a. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Letter dated 25 September 1973 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General (A/9191)

The letter proposes the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of a new agenda item entitled "Reduction of military budgets of States permanent members of the Security Council by 10 per cent and the use of a part of the funds thus saved for providing assistance to developing countries". The proposal, which establishes a link between reduction of military budgets and the economic assistance to developing countries, underlines the benefits which will be drawn from the action by both the developing countries and the States carrying out such reductions. The proposal indicates that the measure would also help to lend a stabilising character to the process of improving relations between States and ameliorating the international situation.