DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

CURBING THE NAVAL ARMS RACE: LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS AND EXTENSION OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES TO SEAS AND OCEANS

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INTRODUCTION

1. On 12 December 1985, the General Assembly adopted resolution 40/94 I, the paragraphs of which, inter alia, read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"3. Invites Member States, particularly the major naval Powers, including the nuclear-weapon States, to consider the possibility of holding direct consultations, bilateral and/or multilateral, with a view to preparing the opening at an early date of such negotiations;

"4. Also invites Member States, especially those that have not yet done so, to communicate to the Secretary-General not later than April 1986 their views concerning the modalities for holding the multilateral negotiations referred to above, including the possibilities for holding them at the Conference on Disarmament at Geneva;

"5. Requests the Disarmament Commission to continue the consideration of this question as a matter of priority in an appropriate subsidiary body, taking due account of the proposals made and the views expressed on the subject-matter contained in the replies of Member States to the Secretary-General, in the verbatim records of the Disarmament Commission, in the working papers and the United Nations study on this question, as well as of future initiatives with a view to submitting its recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;"

2. Pursuant to the above requests, the Secretary-General has to date received replies from Bulgaria and Mexico which are submitted herewith. Other replies will be issued as addenda.

BULGARIA

[Original: Russian]

[8 April 1986]

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria reaffirms the views contained in its replies to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with regard to General Assembly resolutions 38/188 F and 39/151 I (A/39/419 and A/CN.10/70/Add.1).

2. The People's Republic of Bulgaria has repeatedly expressed its interest in the adoption of effective measures to limit the naval arms race and in the discussion, for this purpose, of ways and means of holding the appropriate negotiations.
3. The People's Republic of Bulgaria states that all the proposals which it has so far put forward, either individually or together with other States, remain valid. It continues to subscribe to the view that it is essential to discuss possible and initial steps in this area with a view to the commencement of negotiations with the participation of the major naval Powers and other interested countries in order to reach agreement on limiting and reducing the naval presence and naval activities, and to harmonize measures on confidence-building and for disarmament.

4. Further views on these matters are provided by the People's Republic of Bulgaria in its reply to the Secretary-General of the United Nations concerning General Assembly resolution 40/94 F (A/CN.10/77).

MEXICO

[Original: Spanish]

[11 April 1986]

The Government of Mexico has no comments to add to the views expressed in its note of 21 June 1984 (A/CN.10/57/Add.13).