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## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT

### DRAFT REPORT ON THE FIRST AND SECOND SESSIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. By resolution 3484 B (XXX) of 12 December 1975, the General Assembly decided to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Disarmament, which would be a committee of the General Assembly, open to the participation of all Member States, to carry out a basic review of the role of the United Nations in that field.
2. The General Assembly also decided that the review should, inter alia, focus on the following objectives:
  - (a) Possible new approaches for achieving more effective procedures and organization of work in the field of disarmament, thereby enabling the United Nations to exercise its full role in multilateral disarmament efforts;
  - (b) Ways and means of improving existing United Nations facilities for the collection, compilation and dissemination of information on disarmament issues, in order to keep all Governments, as well as world public opinion, properly informed on progress achieved in the field of disarmament;
  - (c) Ways and means to enable the Secretariat to assist, on request, States parties to multilateral disarmament agreements in their duty to ensure the effective functioning of such agreements, including appropriate periodic reviews.
3. The General Assembly invited all States to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 1 May 1976, their views and suggestions on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament.

4. The General Assembly requested the Ad Hoc Committee to meet for a short organizational session of not longer than one week in January 1976 and for substantive sessions of two weeks in June/July 1976 and of one week in September 1976 and to submit its report, including findings and proposals, to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

#### WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

5. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 3484 B (XXX), the Committee met at United Nations Headquarters in an organizational session from 26 to 29 January, and in a substantive session from 14 to 24 June 1976. During these two sessions it held 15 meetings. The first meeting of the Committee was opened by the Secretary-General who made a statement.

6. The Committee elected the following officers:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mme. Inga Thorsson	(Sweden)
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	M. Mohamed Bachrouch	(Tunisia)
	M. Darioush Bayandor	(Iran)
	Sra. Emilia Castro de Barish	(Costa Rica)
	H.E. Dr. Simón Alberto Consalvi	(Venezuela)
	H.E. Mr. Imre Hollai	(Hungary)
	H.E. M. Edouard Longerstaey	(Belgium)
	H.E. Mr. Jaksa Petrić	(Yugoslavia)
	H.E. Mr. Alejandro D. Yango	(Philippines)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. Saad Ahmed Alfarargi	(Egypt)

7. At its 6th meeting on 29 January 1976, the Committee adopted the following decision-making procedure contained in a statement by the Chairman:

"In view of the importance of the matters that have been entrusted to this Committee, it is most desirable that we achieve the widest measure of agreement on the issues before us. At the same time, it is also important that all points of view and recommendations presented in the Committee are adequately reflected in the report so that Members of the General Assembly can give them due consideration. It is my understanding that delegations accordingly wish to make every effort to achieve the broadest agreement on as many of the issues before them as possible, with the provision that delegations may have their own comments and proposals recorded in the report in addition to those findings and proposals that are adopted without objection by the Committee."

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for the second session and invited the Secretary-General to:

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(a) Present in a systematized manner the communications of Governments submitted to him in accordance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 3484 B (XXX);

(b) Give his views as he deems appropriate on the subject-matter dealt with in General Assembly resolution 3484 B (XXX) on the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament.

9. At its second session, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament: report of the Secretary-General (A/AC.181/1 and Add.1-6);

(b) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/AC.181/2);

(c) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/AC.181/3).

10. At its 9th meeting on 15 June 1976, the Committee agreed to accept the working paper submitted at the 7th meeting, on 14 June 1976, by the representative of Sweden (A/AC.181/L.5) as the basis for the Committee's discussions. At the 14th meeting on 23 June 1976, the representative of Sweden submitted a revised version of the working paper (A/AC.181/L.5/Rev.1 and Add.1).

11. Also at the 9th meeting, the Committee agreed that at future meetings, when the speakers' list was exhausted, the Committee should constitute itself into a working group of the whole to study carefully the questions before it.

12. The Working Group of the Whole held 11 meetings between 16 and 24 June 1976, during which the working paper submitted by the representative of Sweden (see para. 10 above) was discussed. The Working Group was also seized with informal working papers by several members of the Working Group, covering a variety of topics. Subsequently, the representative of Mexico submitted a working paper (A/AC.181/L.7).

13. At its 15th meeting on 24 June 1976, the Committee decided:

(a) To conclude its consideration of the revised version of the working paper submitted by Sweden (A/AC.181/L.5/Rev.1 and Add.1) as well as of all other proposals submitted to the second session, it being understood that delegations could express their opinions or submit working papers or amendments in connexion with the submission of the draft final report on the first and second sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee which would be placed before the Committee at its third session;

(b) To invite the Secretary-General to submit, at his earliest convenience, information on the administrative and financial implications of the working paper submitted by Sweden and of the other proposals which had been made at the second session;

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(c) To request the Rapporteur to formulate the draft final report of the Committee for consideration by the Committee at its third session; and

(d) That the summary records of the second session should serve as a preliminary report until the final one was prepared.

14. It was understood that as soon as the information on financial implications of proposals was available, delegations would have to take a final position on the various proposals.

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisions<sup>1</sup> agenda for the third session (annex VII).

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