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SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 7th TO 15th MEETINGS

Held at Headquarters, New York,
from 14 to 24 June 1976

Corrigendum

This corrigendum contains delegation and Secretariat corrections to the English text of the summary records of the meetings held by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Disarmament at its second session (A/AC.181/SR.7-15).

With the issuance of this corrigendum, the records of the above-mentioned meetings are to be considered final.

8th meeting

Paragraph 26

Replace the last sentence by the following text:

The implementation of those ideas, concerning which the Committee would make recommendations, presupposed a clear distinction between the deliberative and negotiating functions of the bodies dealing with disarmament questions.

Paragraph 28

Insert the following sentence after the first sentence:

For that reason, it was necessary to proceed to the study of the strengthening of the deliberative machinery, which would not allow procedures such as consensus for the approval of decisions.

5th line: for the main objectives of which would be read one of the main objectives of which could be

* Reissued for technical reasons.

7th and 8th lines: after World Disarmament Conference add , which would meet every three or four years,

Paragraph 36

Add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph:

Only by strengthening those measures, and not by limiting them, would the pressure on world public opinion be made more effective.

9th meeting

Paragraph 3

Replace the first sentence by the following text:

3. The French Government would be glad, of course, if the Committee on Disarmament were henceforth to make that its chief objective, for which purpose that Committee should make certain structural changes.

Paragraph 6

Replace the second sentence by the following text:

In the view of the French delegation, although the Secretariat's role in that regard might be expanded, would it not be advisable, before significantly increasing the means at its disposal, to wait until there was more information to disseminate about an undertaking which, as everyone knew, was unfortunately at a complete standstill?

Paragraph 14

For Mr. EINHORN read Mr. SCHERER

11th meeting

Paragraph 1

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

1. Mr. LAY (Italy) said that although disarmament had been given high priority on the political agenda since the first years of the United Nations, it had remained up to that day one of the more intractable problems of multilateral diplomacy. The

dangers to international peace and the waste involved in large and still-increasing military expenditures, however, had prompted repeated and intensive efforts at resolving it. Yet no break-through had been achieved in that field. So, it should be admitted that six years after the proclamation of the Disarmament Decade, the United Nations and its Member States had not yet made substantial progress in the problem of halting the arms race and reducing the appalling annual world expenditures on armaments. The world community must nevertheless press on in its work towards general and complete disarmament and resist frustration.

Paragraph 3

Add the following sentences at the end of the paragraph:

However, that political will could certainly benefit from better modalities. The Italian delegation hoped to see, in that regard, real progress in the Committee's work based on realism.

15th meeting

Paragraph 1, penultimate line

For third session read second session

Paragraph 2

3rd and 4th lines: for because the activities of the Working Group had been limited to an exchange of opinions read because, unlike the first reading, the activities of the Working Group had been limited in the second reading to an exchange of opinions

last line: for would be submitted before the Committee's third session read would be submitted to the Ad Hoc Committee before or during the Committee's third session

Paragraph 3, 3rd line

For it would now like to submit read it would like to reiterate

Paragraph 4, 17th line

For the nuclear Powers and the super-Powers read the nuclear Powers and most particularly the super-Powers

Paragraph 5

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

5. The Mexican delegation had serious reservations regarding paragraph 3 (a) of document A/AC.181/L.5/Rev.1, which would appear to make it possible for the Chairman

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of the First Committee to propose a programme of work regardless of his consultations with members of that Committee, when, in the opinion of the Mexican delegation the suitability of submitting the programme of work as well as its content should faithfully reflect the opinion of the Committee members. Furthermore, it was difficult to understand what purpose would be served by the grouping together of closely related matters, as called for in paragraph 3 (a); the various delegations seemed to pursue different purposes and to have very different ideas on how the grouping together ought to be achieved. The text of document A/AC.181/L.5/Rev.1 did not exclude the possibility of regrouping the items for the general debate. It was thus unclear what criterion would be followed by the General Assembly in the grouping together of items, since all of them were closely related. What was more, the specific relationship of one item to another depended upon the interests of each particular State. On the other hand, if the grouping of items was applied only for consideration of draft resolutions, no concrete suggestion had been made regarding the criterion that the General Assembly should follow. His delegation accordingly regarded the proposal for the grouping together of disarmament items as unacceptable and considered preferable the system thus far followed by the First Committee, namely, that each delegation could refer to any of the agenda items and could group them together in whatever way suited its own interests.

Paragraph 7

Replace the second and third sentences by the following text:

According to the present text, it would appear to be the First Committee which would determine beforehand whether or not any action should be taken; that would amount to the establishment of a new procedure for adopting resolutions. In the view of the Mexican delegation, the delegations directly concerned should determine whether or not action needed to be taken on an item and the right of Member States to request the General Assembly to take action should not be limited.

Paragraph 9

Replace the beginning of the second sentence by the following text:

The Mexican delegation was therefore submitting formally the proposals already put forward in the Working Group -

Paragraph 15

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

15. Mr. LOGAN (United Kingdom) said that while document A/AC.181/L.5/Rev.1 was broadly acceptable to his delegation, the United Kingdom would reserve its position on all aspects of it until it had studied it in greater detail, in particular those parts which dealt with personnel, financial and administrative matters.

Paragraph 22

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

22. Mr. MULYE (India) said that document A/AC.181/L.5/Rev.1 provided a useful basis along which consensus could be developed at the third session of the Committee. However, his delegation would like to examine that important document, along with other relevant suggestions, before making its final position known at the third session of the Committee.

