INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference
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I. APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE

1. As requested in paragraph 8 of resolution 40/155 of 16 December 1985, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has appointed Mr. Jan Martenson, Under-Secretary-General of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, as Secretary-General of the Conference.

II. DOCUMENTATION

2. In accordance with the recommendations made in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the report of the Preparatory Committee, 1/ approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/155, the Secretary-General of the Conference has prepared a number of brief background papers based upon available information and relevant to the work of the Conference. In order to make full use of the United Nations system, as recommended in paragraph 20 of the report of the Preparatory Committee, the Secretary-General of the Conference held consultations with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation. In that connection, a task force of key units in the economic and social sectors of the United Nations was set up to assist the Secretary-General of the Conference in the preparation of background documentation. In addition to the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Department for Disarmament Affairs, the task force consisted of senior officials from the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Development Programme. In order to give the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the Conference, as requested in paragraph 9 of resolution 40/155, a senior official of the Department of Public Information was included in the task force. Moreover, all the focal points on the relationship between disarmament and development within the United Nations system were invited to contribute to the preparation of documentation within their own areas of competence and on the basis of information and analysis available in existing documents and those under preparation. As appropriate, the relevant inputs were absorbed in the preparation of the basic documents. The focal points were designated in conformity with resolution 37/84 of 9 December 1982, and the co-ordination mechanism established thereby is described, inter alia, in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session (A/38/436).

3. The following background papers have been prepared and distributed:

* A compilation of agreed formulations (A/CONF.130/PC/INF/3)

The paper utilizes United Nations sources and broadly covers the subjects directly related to the three substantive items on the agenda of the Conference. The documents cited are those which were submitted to the General Assembly and subsequently approved or noted by it without a vote. The excerpts from disarmament studies included in the paper were the subject of general agreement by the groups of experts concerned.
A bibliographical survey of recent literature (A/CONF.130/PC/INF/4)

While every effort has been made to present as wide ranging a selection of analysis and views as possible, the survey should not be considered as an exhaustive listing of all the publications available on the issue of the relationship between disarmament and development. Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that the views expressed by the various authors in the publications listed in the paper are solely their own.

An overview of United Nations involvement (A/CONF.130/PC/INF/5)

The paper provides an overview of the United Nations involvement with the subject of the relationship between disarmament and development and has been prepared on the basis of United Nations sources. Furthermore, paragraph 20 of the report of the Preparatory Committee requested the preparation of a "short succinct document" covering each of the three substantive agenda items. Consequently, three papers have been prepared which bear the full title of agenda items 8, 9 and 10 and which have been issued as information papers A/CONF.130/PC/INF/6, A/CONF.130/PC/INF/7 and A/CONF.130/PC/INF/8. It should be borne in mind, however, that in such papers it is not possible to give full and comprehensive treatment to all the complex aspects of the issues involved.

4. In addition to the preparation of those background papers, in paragraph 20 of its report the Preparatory Committee also stated that "the preparation of a number of other new documents and papers on a strictly selective basis, might be necessary". In this connection, it was pointed out that "the Secretary-General of the Conference should make full use of the United Nations system and also be free to consult acknowledged expertise in the field". It should be noted that a statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations contained in document A/C.5/40/52 "anticipated that approximately five research papers would be required". The following papers have been commissioned in consultation with the members of the Bureau and will reproduce solely the views of their authors:

Inga Thorsson  
(Chairperson of the United Nations Group of Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development)

"Overview of events in the disarmament development relationship field since 1981"

Nils Petter Gleditsch  
(Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO))

"Military spending and economic structure: special reference to market economies"

Augusto Varas  
(Latin American Faculty of Social Science (FLACSO))

"Military spending and development process"

Institute for World Economy and International Relations, Moscow

"Military spending and economic structure: with reference to centrally-planned economies"

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Dr. Saadet Deger  
(University of London)  
"Cross-sectoral analyses of military expenditures and capital formation, productivity, economic growth and competitiveness, etc."

Accordingly, submissions are being received and the paper prepared by Ambassador Inga Thorsson is already available as information paper A/CONF.130/PC/INF/9.

5. A contribution from the ILO and another from the World Bank are expected to be issued also as information papers by the end of April.

III. PANEL OF EMINENT PERSONALITIES

6. In accordance with paragraph 21 of the report of the Preparatory Committee and paragraph 9 of resolution 40/155, the Secretary-General of the Conference will convene from 16 to 18 April 1986 a panel of eminent personalities active in the field of disarmament and development, drawn from different regions of the world and covering a wide range of views, in order to channel their input into the preparatory process for the benefit of the Conference. It is expected that the panel will prepare a joint statement which may serve as a point of reference at the Conference. The members of the panel, in alphabetical order, are:

1. Ibrahim Hilmy Abdel-Rahman (Egypt)  
Adviser for Planning and Economic Affairs to the Prime Minister  
Member of the Egyptian Academy of Science  
Former Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
Former Minister of National Planning and Administrative Reform

2. Tamas Bacska (Hungary)  
Professor of Economics and Head of the Department of Public Finance and Banking, University of Budapest  
Former Managing Director of the National Bank of Hungary

3. Gamani Corea (Sri Lanka)  
Chancellor, Open University, Sri Lanka  
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)  
Former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank

4. Edgar Faure (France)  
Member of the French Academy  
Senator and President of the Regional Council of Franche-Comté  
Former President of the National Assembly  
Former Prime Minister

5. Alfonso García-Robles (Mexico)  
Noble Peace Prize Laureate  
Member of the Palme Commission  
Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva  
Former Foreign Minister

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6. Lawrence Klein (United States of America)  
   Professor of Economics, University of Philadelphia,  
   Noble Prize Laureate

7. Pei Monong (China)  
   Deputy Director, Institute of International Studies, Beijing

8. Olusegun Obasanjo (Nigeria)  
   Member of the Palme Commission and of the InterAction Council  
   Former Head of State

9. Raúl Prebisch (Argentina)  
   Honorary Professor of Political Economy, University of Buenos Aires  
   Former Secretary-General of UNCTAD  
   Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for  
   Latin America  
   Former Director-General of the Central Bank

10. Eugene Primakov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)  
    Director, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Moscow  
    Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences

11. Carlos Rafael Rodríguez (Cuba)  
    Vice-President of the Council of State and Ministers  
    Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Havana  
    Former President of the National Commission for Economic, Scientific and  
    Technical Co-operation

12. Walter Scheel (Germany, Federal Republic of)  
    Chairman of the Board of the German Finance Company for Investments in  
    Developing Countries (German Development Company)  
    Former President  
    Former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Vice-Chancellor  
    Former Minister for Economic Co-operation

13. Agha Shahi (Pakistan)  
    Professor Emeritus of International Relations to various universities  
    Former Foreign Minister  
    Former Minister of State, Adviser to the President on Foreign Affairs

14. Janez Stanovnik (Yugoslavia)  
    Member of the Presidency of Slovenia  
    Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for  
    Europe

15. Inga Thorsson (Sweden)  
    Chairperson of the United Nations Group of Experts on the Relationship  
    between Disarmament and Development  
    Former Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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IV. APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7. In paragraph 22 of its report, which was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/155, the Preparatory Committee stated that "Appropriate information on the preparatory process should be available to the General Assembly at an early stage". In this connection, the Secretary-General of the United Nations issued a report on preparations for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development (A/40/913), dated 17 December 1985. The present report of the Secretary-General of the Conference to the Preparatory Committee at its second session is issued as a General Assembly information paper (A/CONF.130/PC/INF/10), in conformity with paragraph 9 of resolution 40/155.

V. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

8. In paragraph 23 of its report the Preparatory Committee stated that "Due consideration should be given to the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the Conference, and to its preparatory work as appropriate". Accordingly, the Department of Disarmament Affairs is in the process of publishing a booklet entitled Questions and Answers on Disarmament and Development; a special issue of the Fact Sheet series on that subject; the next issue of the periodical Disarmament dealing exclusively with the same question, and articles on the preparatory process and the conference itself in the World Disarmament Campaign Newsletter. In this connection, it should also be noted that at United Nations Headquarters, the non-governmental organization (NGO) Committee on Disarmament and the NGO Committee on Development are co-sponsoring an NGO Forum on Disarmament and Development from 1 to 4 April. Furthermore, at the Geneva Office of the United Nations, the Special NGO Committee on Disarmament and the NGO Committee on Development will hold a two-day meeting on 22 and 23 April. Another such meeting is expected to be held in Geneva in June, well before the convening of the International Conference. At these occasions, senior officers of the Department for Disarmament Affairs will participate in order to provide information on the work of the second session of the Preparatory Committee and of the panel of eminent personalities. The Department for Disarmament Affairs is also engaged in various other efforts in order to disseminate information on the Conference and its preparatory work, including personal communications, lectures, etc. In addition, the Department has directly provided information on the holding of the Conference to some 150 research institutes and some 4,000 non-governmental organizations world-wide. The Department of Public Information, for its part, is organizing inter alia briefings both at Headquarters, in Geneva and in Vienna on the preparatory work for the International Conference.

VI. INVITATIONS

9. In paragraph 5 of resolution 40/155 the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General "to invite all States to participate in the Conference and to apply, as regards other participants and observers, the provisions of section XI of the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference". Thus, in addition to inviting all States and in conformity with well-established United Nations practice based on General Assembly resolutions and in keeping with the provisions of
rules 39 to 44 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is in the process of inviting other participants and observers as specified in the annex to the present report.

10. The question of the invitation of non-governmental organizations could be dealt with separately by the Preparatory Committee under agenda item 6 of its provisional agenda.

VII. VENUE

11. A planning mission was dispatched to Paris in January 1986 by the Secretary-General of the Conference to order to discuss with the French authorities the modalities of holding the International Conference. The consultations were devoted inter alia to review all organizational and technical aspects, including financial questions. In this connection, it was agreed that the Conference should take place on the premises of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, using that organization's technical facilities.

Notes

Annex

OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, TO BE HELD IN PARIS FROM 15 JULY TO 2 AUGUST 1986

The following organizations may participate in the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development in accordance with its provisional rules of procedure:

A. Namibia represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia (rule 39)

B. Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices (rule 40)
   1. Palestine Liberation Organization (resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974)
   2. South West Africa People's Organization (resolution 31/152 of 20 December 1976)

C. Representatives of national liberation movements (rule 41)
   1. African National Council of South Africa (resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974)
   2. Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (resolution 3280 (XXIX))

D. Representatives of the specialized agencies (rule 42)
   1. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
   2. International Civil Aviation Organization
   3. International Fund for Agricultural Development
   4. International Labour Organisation
   5. International Monetary Fund
   6. International Maritime Organization
   7. International Telecommunication Union
   8. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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10. Universal Postal Union
11. World Bank
12. World Health Organization
13. World Intellectual Property Organization
14. World Meteorological Organization
15. International Atomic Energy Agency*
16. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade*

E. Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations (rule 43)

1. Organization of American States (resolution 253 (III) of 16 October 1948)
2. League of Arab States (resolution 477 (V) of 1 November 1950)
3. Organization of African Unity (resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965)
4. European Economic Community (resolution 3208 (XXIX) of 11 October 1974)
5. Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (resolution 3209 (XXIX) of 11 October 1974)
6. Organization of the Islamic Conference (resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975)
7. Commonwealth Secretariat (resolution 31/3 of 18 October 1976)
8. Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978)

* These organizations are considered to be included in the category of "specialized agencies" in conformity with rule 42 of the provisional rules of procedure (see A/40/51, annex, p. 22, footnote 3).

12. Other intergovernmental organizations that express an interest in participating in the Conference

F. Representatives of interested United Nations organs (rule 44)

1. World Food Council
2. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
3. United Nations Environment Programme
4. United Nations Children's Fund
5. United Nations Development Programme
6. World Food Programme
7. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
8. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
9. United Nations Institute for Training and Research
10. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
11. United Nations University
12. Other United Nations organs that express an interest in participating in the Conference