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Study on the relationship between disarmament
and international security

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 32/87 C of 12 December 1977, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to initiate a study on the interrelationship between disarmament and international security and to submit a progress report thereon to the General Assembly at its special session devoted to disarmament. The progress report (A/S-10/7 and Corr.1) was submitted by the Secretary-General on 23 May 1978.
2. At its tenth special session, the General Assembly, in paragraph 97 of the Final Document of the session, requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the consultant experts appointed by him, to continue the study of the interrelationship between disarmament and international security.
3. Subsequently, at its thirty-third session, the General Assembly, by resolution 33/91 I of 16 December 1978, requested the Secretary-General to expedite action for the continuation of the study of the relationship between disarmament and international security with a view to submitting a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and the final report to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
4. Pursuant to resolution 33/91 I, the Secretary-General appointed a Group of Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and International Security. By a letter dated 11 July 1979 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Group of Experts submitted a progress report which is annexed to the present document.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 11 June 1979 from the Chairman of the Group of Experts
on the Relationship between Disarmament and International Security
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit herewith a progress report of the Group of Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and International Security which was appointed by you in pursuance of paragraph 97 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly (resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978), and paragraph 2 of resolution 33/91 I adopted on 16 December 1978 by the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

The Experts appointed were the following:

Mr. Evgheni ALEXANDROV
Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria

Mr. Leopoldo BENITES
Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ecuador

Mr. Abdelkader BENSMAIL
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Ambassador of Denmark to Iceland

General Carlos P. ROMULO
Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Philippines

Mr. Zenon ROSSIDES
Ambassador, Special Adviser,
Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations

Mr. Winston TUBMAN
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations

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The Group of Experts held its first session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 8 June 1979. All Experts participated at the session with the exception of Mr. Leopoldo Benites who was unable to attend.

The Group of Experts held six formal meetings and a series of informal meetings and consultations during which it discussed the scope of the study and the programme and methodology of its work.

The Group agreed on the following outline of the study:

1. Introduction.
2. The detrimental consequences for international security of the arms race in all its aspects.
3. A general analysis of the interrelationship of disarmament and international security.
4. The process of disarmament and international security.
5. Détente, international security and disarmament.
6. An exploration of the relationship between specific disarmament measures and international security.
7. International co-operation as a means of strengthening international security and promoting disarmament.
8. Disarmament, international security and the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of peace and in the implementation of the system of international legal order and security as provided for in the Charter of the United Nations.
9. Conclusions and recommendations.

The Group also agreed that the Experts would submit draft texts by 1 October 1979 of the material they wish included under the various items in the outline.

The Group decided to hold its second session at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 3 to 14 December 1979. It also tentatively decided to hold two sessions, each of two weeks' duration, in 1980 in April or May at Geneva and in August in New York. The wish was expressed to explore the possibility of holding one session in another city in order to create greater interest in and a wider awareness of the problems of disarmament and international security.

The members of the Group wish to express their gratitude for the assistance which they received from the members of the Secretariat of the United Nations. They wish to convey, in particular their thanks to Mr. Liviu Bota, who served as Secretary of the Group, and to Mr. William Epstein who served as Special Consultant to the Secretariat.

I have been requested by the Group, as its Chairman, to submit this report to you on its behalf.

(Signed) Carlos P. ROMULO
Chairman of the Group of Experts
on the Relationship between
Disarmament and International Security
