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ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT

China: amendments to section II (Declaration) of the  
draft Final Document

I. Subsection A (Review and Appraisal)

(a) Replace the wording from the beginning of paragraph 1 up to and including the word "yet" (line 7) by the following: "The super-Powers are energetically expanding their arms, including nuclear and conventional armaments, and are stepping up their aggression and expansion. As a result, the danger of war keeps rising, posing a grave threat to international peace and security".

(b) Delete the sentence "The increase in weapons, especially nuclear weapons, far from helping to strengthen international security, on the contrary now weakens it."

(c) In the eleventh line, next sentence, replace the words: "The vast stockpiles and tremendous build-up of arms and armed forces and the competition" by: "The vast stockpiles and tremendous build-up of arms and armed forces of the two major nuclear powers and their competition".

(d) In the fifteenth line, delete the words: "hinders the process of détente".

(e) In subsection A, paragraph 2, the first sentence should read as follows: "Since the end of the Second World War, the rivalry between the super-Powers on a global scale, combined with an unprecedented technological revolution in weaponry, has resulted in a massive and self-perpetuating arms race."

(f) In subsection A, paragraph 3, the second sentence should read as follows: "To safeguard international peace, it is essential to implement effectively the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, to oppose the attempt of any country to seek and establish any form of hegemony or foreign domination in

any part of the world, and to demand that the super-Powers take the lead in a speedy and massive reduction of armaments and armed forces."

(g) In subsection A, paragraph 6, the second sentence should be amended to read as follows: "Military expenditures are reaching ever higher levels, with the super-Powers accounting for 60 per cent of the total expenditures of all the countries in the world."

Also in paragraph 6, eighth line, the fourth sentence which reads: "This colossal waste of resources ..." should be replaced by "What is even more serious is that the super-Powers not only depend on the exploitation of their own people for their military build-up, but also divert to this purpose technical and human resources plundered by them and urgently needed by the developing countries."

The last sentence of paragraph 6 should be amended to read: "Consequently, resources released as a result of the super-Powers taking the lead in implementing disarmament measures should be returned to the developing countries to help promote the well-being of all peoples."

(h) In subsection A, paragraph 7, the fourth and fifth sentences should be deleted and replaced by: "Certain agreements have been reached, while the arms race continues."

(i) In subsection A, paragraph 8, the first sentence within brackets should be retained and the second sentence within brackets be replaced by "The people of the world is confronted with the important task of heightening their vigilance, making better preparations, intensifying their struggle against hegemonism, including the struggle for the realization of genuine disarmament, striving to postpone a world war and safeguarding world peace." (As an alternative, this sentence may be inserted as a second sentence in subsection A, paragraph 5, after the words "... and understand the dangers in the present situation", and then delete para. 8.)

## II. Subsection B (Goals and priorities)

(a) In subsection B, paragraph 1, second line, after the words "... international control", add the following sentence: "To this end, the root cause of modern wars must be eliminated", and then delete the entire second paragraph in this section.

(b) In subsection B, paragraph 2, the entire second sentence should be deleted and replaced by the following: "To this end, it is equally imperative to give same priority to the reduction of the conventional armaments of the two Powers which possess the largest arsenals.

In order to promote disarmament and reduce the danger of nuclear war, these two Powers must first of all:

(1) Declare that they will at no time and in no circumstances resort to the threat or use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear countries and nuclear-free zones;

(2) Withdraw all their armed forces stationed abroad and undertake not to dispatch armed forces of any description to other countries; dismantle all their military bases and paramilitary bases on foreign soil and undertake not to seek any new ones;

(3) Stop their nuclear and conventional arms race and set out to destroy by stages their nuclear weapons and drastically reduce their conventional weapons;

(4) Undertake not to station massive forces or stage military exercises near the borders of other countries, and undertake not to launch military attacks, including surprise attacks, against other countries on any pretext;

(5) Undertake not to export weapons to other countries for the purpose of bringing them under control or for fomenting wars or abetting threats of war.

When major progress has been made in the destruction of the super-Powers' nuclear weapons and in the reduction of their conventional arms, the other nuclear countries should join them in destroying all nuclear weapons."

(c) In subsection B, paragraph 3 (5 or 4) the phrase "with particular emphasis on armed forces and conventional weapons of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant countries" should be replaced by: "with particular emphasis on the armed forces and conventional weapons of the major nuclear-weapon States".

(d) In subsection B, paragraph 6, fourth line, delete the word "further". Also delete the last sentence in brackets reading: "These measures should include the conclusion of the treaty on the non-use of force in international relations."

### III. Subsection C (Principles)

(a) In subsection C, paragraph 1, replace the entire text by the following: "All States members of the United Nations reaffirm their commitment to and strict observance of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and, more important, the Five Principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence. They should undertake not to seek and establish hegemony or any form of domination in any region or any part of the world."

(b) In subsection C, paragraph 3, the fourth sentence should read as follows: "While disarmament is the responsibility of all states, the major nuclear-weapon states have the primary responsibility for nuclear disarmament, and as they also possess huge conventional armaments, they bear the main responsibility for halting and reversing the conventional arms race as well." And then delete the last sentence which reads: "It is therefore important to secure their active participation."

(c) In subsection C, paragraph 7, second line, delete the sentence in brackets, which reads "The renunciation of the use or threat of force is of great importance to ensure ... and it should become a norm of international life."

(d) In subsection C, paragraph 10, second line, after the sentence "Progress in the former would contribute greatly to the realization of the latter" add a new sentence, which reads: "Accordingly, the major nuclear powers with the largest military expenditures should be required to take the lead in reducing these expenditures."

(e) In subsection C, paragraph 15, delete the whole paragraph.

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