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A. Review and appraisal

Paragraph 1:

The paragraph should read as follows:

"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 continues to rise, posing a grave threat to international peace and security. The arms race continues. Military budgets are constantly growing, with enormous consumption of human and material resources. The vast stockpiles and tremendous build-up of arms and armed forces of the two major nuclear Powers and their competition for qualitative refinement of weapons of all kinds to which scientific resources and technological advances are diverted pose incalculable threats to peace. This situation both reflects and aggravates international tensions, sharpens conflicts in various regions of the world, exacerbates the differences between opposing military alliances, jeopardizes the security of all States and increases the threat of nuclear war. Failure to halt and reverse the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, to reassure the non-nuclear-weapon States about their security and to ensure universality and non-discrimination in the régime of non-proliferation increases the danger of the spread of nuclear weapons."

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."

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 Charter of the United Nations, 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."

Paragraph 6:

(a) The second sentence should 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."

(b) The fourth sentence should read as follows:

"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."

(c) The last sentence should read as follows:

"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."

Paragraph 7:

The fourth and fifth sentences should be replaced by the following sentence:

"Certain agreements have been reached, while the arms race continues."

Paragraph 8:

(a) The first sentence now within brackets should be retained.

(b) The second sentence should read as follows:

"The peoples of the world are confronted with the important task of heightening their vigilance, making better preparation, intensifying their struggle against hegemonism, including the struggle for the realization of genuine disarmament, striving to postpone a new world war and safeguarding world peace."

Alternatively, this sentence could be inserted as the second sentence in paragraph 7, and paragraph 8 could be deleted.

B. Goals and priorities

Paragraph 1:

(a) After the first sentence add the following sentence:

"To this end, the root cause of modern wars must be eliminated."

(b) Delete the rest of the paragraph.

Paragraph 2:

After the first sentence, the paragraph should read as follows:

"To this end, it is equally imperative to give same priority to the reduction of the conventional armament 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."

Paragraph 5 or 4:

Lines 4, 5 and 6 should read as follows:

"should be carried out with particular emphasis on the armed forces and conventional weapons of the major nuclear-weapon States."

Paragraph 6:

- (a) In line 4 delete the word "further".
- (b) Delete the last sentence in brackets.

C. Principles

Paragraph 1:

The paragraph should read as follows:

"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."

Paragraph 3:

- (a) 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."

- (b) The last sentence should be deleted.

Paragraph 7:

Delete the second sentence in brackets.

Paragraph 10:

After the second sentence, add the following sentence:

"Accordingly, the major nuclear Powers with the largest military expenditures should be required to take the lead in reducing these expenditures."

Paragraph 15:

Delete the paragraph.

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