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PARTS OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION AS DISCUSSED AND AMENDED  
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A. Objective/General and complete disarmament

Progress towards the goal of general and complete disarmament can be achieved through the implementation of a programme of action on disarmament, in accordance with the goals and principles established in the Declaration on Disarmament. The present Programme of Action contains priorities and measures in the field of disarmament that States should undertake as a matter of urgency with a view to halting and reversing the arms race and to giving the necessary impetus to efforts designed to achieve genuine disarmament leading to general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

B. Priorities

The present Programme of Action enumerates the specific measures of disarmament which should be implemented over the next few years, as well as other measures and studies to prepare the way for future negotiations and for progress toward general and complete disarmament.

Priorities in disarmament negotiations shall be: nuclear weapons; other weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons; conventional weapons, including any which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects; and reduction of armed forces.

Negotiations on all the priority items should could be conducted concurrently.

Alternative texts proposed for para. 3

Pakistan Negotiations on all the priority items should be conducted if possible and as necessary, concurrently.

U.S. Nothing should preclude States from conducting negotiations on all priority items concurrently.

USSR Negotiations on all the priority items could be conducted concurrently as well.

New para. 4

USSR For the purposes of ending completely any further quantitative and qualitative build-up of arms and armed forces of States with a large military potential it is necessary to adopt a programme for the implementation of the following measures within a specified limited period:

- Cessation of the production of all types of nuclear weapons;
- Cessation of the production of, and prohibition of, all other types of weapons of mass destruction;

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- Cessation of the development of new types of conventional armaments of great destructive capability;
- Renunciation by the permanent members of the Security Council, and by countries which have military agreements with them of the expansion of their armies and the build-up of their conventional armaments.

A start should be made, for example, with the cessation of the production of nuclear weapons.

c. Immediate and short-term measures to halt and reverse the arms race

1. Nuclear weapons

Nuclear weapons pose the greatest danger to mankind and to the survival of civilization. It is essential to halt and reverse the nuclear-arms race in all its aspects in order to avert the danger of war involving nuclear weapons. The ultimate goal in this context is the complete elimination of nuclear weapons. To this end steps should be taken urgently to stop the build-up of nuclear arsenals, to reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons and to halt further development of and production of new types of  nuclear armaments. The nuclear-weapon States particularly the two leading nuclear-weapon States bear a special responsibility for realization of these tasks.

Alternative I Measures of nuclear disarmament will require parallel progress in the limitation and reduction of the armed forces of States and of their conventional weapons. In turn

Alternative 2 Real progress in the field of nuclear disarmament could create an atmosphere which could contribute to progress in conventional disarmament. and vice-versa.

Alternative 3 Progress in the limitation and reduction of the armed forces of States nuclear-weapon States and their allies and of their conventional weapons could contribute to progress in nuclear disarmament.

Alternative text proposed for 3rd sentence, para.1.

France            The ultimate goal in this context is the complete elimination of nuclear weapons under strict and effective international control.

Alternative texts proposed for 4th sentence, para. 1.

India/  
Yugoslavia        To this end, steps should be taken urgently to stop the build-up of nuclear arsenals, to halt further development of and production of new types of of nuclear armaments and to reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

Indonesia        To this end, steps should be taken urgently to stop the build-up of nuclear arsenals, to halt further research and development of and production of new types of of nuclear armaments and to reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

Pakistan         To this end, steps should be taken urgently to stop the build-up of nuclear arsenals, to halt further development and production of nuclear armaments and to reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons under effective methods of control and verification.

Alternative texts proposed for 5th sentence, para. 1.

Finland           All the nuclear-weapon States, including the two leading nuclear-weapon States, bear a special responsibility for realization of these tasks.

USSR             The nuclear-weapon States bear a special responsibility for realization of these tasks.

Alternative texts for Alternatives 1-3, para. 2.

United Kingdom            Significant progress in nuclear disarmament will require parallel progress in the limitation and reduction of the armed forces and conventional weapons of States and particularly of those belonging to the major military powers. Conversely, real progress in the field of nuclear disarmament could create an atmosphere which could contribute to progress in conventional disarmament.

Pakistan                    Negotiations for nuclear disarmament would be facilitated by the solution of the problem posed by the armed forces and conventional armaments which constitute an impediment in the way of such negotiations.

Nigeria                    Real progress in the field of nuclear disarmament could create an atmosphere which could contribute to the progress in conventional weapons disarmament, particularly of those belonging to major military pacts. Conversely, real progress in the field of conventional weapons disarmament could create an atmosphere which could facilitate nuclear disarmament among the military pacts.