

PARTS OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION AS DISCUSSED AND AMENDED IN
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF DRAFTING GROUP NO.1. OF
WORKING GROUP B

A. Objectives/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.

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

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;
- 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 [under strict and effective international control] All the

nuclear-weapon States /especially the two leading nuclear-weapon States/ bear a special responsibility for realization of this goal.

(a) / Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) /

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America should conclude at the earliest possible date the agreement they have been pursuing for several years in the second series of the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT II). They are invited to transmit in good time the text of the agreement to the General Assembly. It should be followed promptly by further strategic arms limitation negotiations between the two parties leading to agreed significant reductions of and qualitative limitations on strategic arms /at an early date./ It should constitute an important step in the direction of nuclear disarmament and ultimately of establishment of a world free of such weapons.

(b) / CTB /

/The cessation of nuclear-weapon testing by all States would be in the supreme interest of mankind. This would make a significant contribution to the aim of ending the qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons and the development of new types of such weapons and of preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons, as part of the process of nuclear disarmament. To this end/ the negotiations now in progress on a "treaty prohibiting nuclear-weapon tests, and a protocol covering nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes which would be an integral part of the treaty", should be concluded urgently and the result submitted for full consideration

by / / /the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament/ with a view to the submission of a draft treaty to the /thirty-third regular session of/ the General Assembly.

/All efforts should be made to achieve an agreement which, following General Assembly endorsement, would command the widest possible adherence./

Alternative text proposed for para. 1

France Within the framework of an effective nuclear disarmament process, a comprehensive test ban would contribute /make a significant contribution/ to the aim of ending the qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons and the development of new types of such weapons and of preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons. In this context