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Final report of the Chairman of Working Group I to
the Ad Hoc Committee of the Twelfth Special
Session of the General Assembly

1. The Preparatory Committee for the second special session devoted to disarmament, in its report to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, inter alia, recommended the establishment of a working group on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament. The General Assembly, by resolution 36/81 A of 9 December 1981, endorsed that recommendation (A/S-12/1).
2. At its second meeting, on 14 June 1982, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Twelfth Special Session confirmed that recommendation and appointed H.E. Ambassador Alfonso Garcia Robles (Mexico) as Chairman of Working Group I.
3. Working Group I held 4 meetings between 14 June and 7 July 1982.
4. At its first meeting, on 14 June 1982, the Working Group established four open-ended drafting groups to proceed with the elaboration of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament on the basis of the draft Programme submitted by the Committee on Disarmament (A/S-12/2). Drafting Group A was assigned to consider chapter II ("Objectives"); Drafting Group B was assigned to consider chapter III ("Principles"); Drafting Group C was assigned to consider sections A to E of chapter V on "Measures and stages of implementation" ("Nuclear weapons", "Other weapons of mass destruction", "Conventional weapons and armed forces", "Military expenditures" and "Related measures"); and Drafting Group D was assigned to consider the remaining sections of chapter V ("Other measures", "Disarmament and development" and "Disarmament and international security") as well as chapter VI ("Machinery and procedures").
5. Also at its first meeting, the Working Group appointed H.E. Ambassador François de la Gorce (France) as co-ordinator of Drafting Group A. At its second meeting, on 15 June, the Working Group appointed H.E. Ambassador Anatoly Nikitich Sheldov (Byelorussian SSR) as co-ordinator of Drafting Group B; H.E. Ambassador Mansur Ahmad (Pakistan) as co-ordinator of Drafting Group C; and H.E. Ambassador Curt Lidgard (Sweden) as co-ordinator of Drafting Group D.

6. The Chairman of the Working Group orally reported to the Ad Hoc Committee at its ninth meeting, on 28 June, on the progress of the work of the Working Group (A/S-12/AC.1/PV.9).

7. At its third meeting, on 3 July, Working Group I reviewed the work of the four drafting groups. In this connexion, the Working Group had before it texts submitted by Drafting Groups A, B and C (A/S-12/AC.1/WG.I/L.1, L.2 and L.3, respectively). The co-ordinator of Drafting Group D orally reported to the Working Group on the work of that Group.

8. Also, at the Working Group's third meeting, one delegation proposed an amendment to paragraph 2 of chapter IV ("Priorities") of the draft Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament submitted by the Committee on Disarmament, which was referred to Drafting Group C in view of the close relationship between the substance of the amendment and that of the work of the Drafting Group. The Drafting Group decided to include the proposed amendment in the chapter on "Priorities" between brackets.*

9. In the four Drafting Groups, intensive efforts were made with a view to achieving agreement on the sections of the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament assigned to them. Drafting Group A held three meetings, Drafting Group B ten meetings, Drafting Group C twelve meetings and Drafting Group D nineteen meetings. In addition, informal consultations were held under the guidance of the Co-ordinators of the Drafting Groups. Progress was achieved on a number of issues, particularly those concerning the chapter on "Objectives" and, to a lesser extent, the chapter on "Principles". However, significant differences of opinion persisted on various aspects of the Programme, notably the chapter on "Measures and stages of implementation". With respect to the question of time frames and review mechanism, informal consultations were held under the guidance of the Chairman of the Working Group but, while some progress was achieved and promising approaches were explored, it did not prove possible to reconcile divergent views.

10. At its 4th meeting, on 7 July, the Working Group had before it a draft of the Introduction prepared by the Chairman (A/S-12/AC.1/WG.I/L.5).

11. Also at its 4th meeting, the Working Group considered the results of the work in the four Drafting Groups. In that connexion, the Working Group had before it, in addition to the texts submitted earlier by Drafting Groups A, B and C (see para. 7 above), a text submitted by Drafting Group D (A/S-12/AC.1/WG.I/L.4), a text submitted by the co-ordinator of Drafting Group D (A/S-12/AC.1/WG.I/L.6) and additions and amendments to document A/S-12/AC.1/WG.I/L.3 (A/S-12/AC.1/WG.I/L.3/Add.1).

* With the proposed amendment paragraph 2 of chapter IV of the draft Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament submitted by the Committee on Disarmament would read "Effective measures of nuclear disarmament [which maintain or enhance security] and the prevention of nuclear war ...".

12. Working Group I submits to the Ad Hoc Committee, for its consideration, the texts that appear below:

Texts for the draft Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament
submitted by Working Group I
