Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the First Committee (A/65/410)]

65/52. Relationship between disarmament and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Charter of the United Nations envisages the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world’s human and economic resources,

Recalling also the provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly concerning the relationship between disarmament and development,¹ as well as the adoption on 11 September 1987 of the Final Document of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development,²


Bearing in mind the Final Document of the Twelfth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Durban, South Africa, from 29 August to 3 September 1998, ³ and the Final Document of the Thirteenth Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Cartagena, Colombia, on 8 and 9 April 2000,⁴

Mindful of the changes in international relations that have taken place since the adoption on 11 September 1987 of the Final Document of the International

¹ See resolution S-10/2.
Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, including
the development agenda that has emerged over the past decade,

_Bearing in mind_ the new challenges for the international community in the
fields of development, poverty eradication and the elimination of the diseases that
afflict humanity,

_Stressing_ the importance of the symbiotic relationship between disarmament
and development and the important role of security in this connection, and
concerned at increasing global military expenditure, which could otherwise be spent
on development needs,

_Recalling_ the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the relationship
between disarmament and development\(^5\) and its reappraisal of this significant issue
in the current international context,

_Bearing in mind_ the importance of following up on the implementation of the
action programme adopted at the 1987 International Conference on the Relationship
between Disarmament and Development,\(^2\)

1. _Stresses_ the central role of the United Nations in the disarmament-
development relationship, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen further
the role of the Organization in this field, in particular the high-level Steering Group
on Disarmament and Development, in order to ensure continued and effective
coordination and close cooperation between the relevant United Nations departments,
agencies and sub-agencies;

2. _Requests_ the Secretary-General to continue to take action, through
appropriate organs and within available resources, for the implementation of the
action programme adopted at the 1987 International Conference on the Relationship
between Disarmament and Development;\(^3\)

3. _Urges_ the international community to devote part of the resources made
available by the implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements to
economic and social development, with a view to reducing the ever-widening gap
between developed and developing countries;

4. _Encourages_ the international community to achieve the Millennium
Development Goals and to make reference to the contribution that disarmament
could provide in meeting them when it reviews its progress towards this purpose in
2011, as well as to make greater efforts to integrate disarmament, humanitarian and
development activities;

5. _Encourages_ the relevant regional and subregional organizations and
institutions, non-governmental organizations and research institutes to incorporate
issues related to the relationship between disarmament and development into their
agendas and, in this regard, to take into account the report of the Group of
Governmental Experts on the relationship between disarmament and development;\(^5\)

6. _Reiterates its invitation_ to Member States to provide the Secretary-
General with information regarding measures and efforts to devote part of the
resources made available by the implementation of disarmament and arms limitation
agreements to economic and social development, with a view to reducing the ever-
widening gap between developed and developing countries;

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\(^5\) See A/59/119.
7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution, including the information provided by Member States pursuant to paragraph 6 above;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled “Relationship between disarmament and development”.

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