Fifty-eighth session
First Committee
Agenda item 73 (a)
General and complete disarmament: nuclear-weapon-free
southern hemisphere and adjacent areas

Brazil: draft resolution

Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 51/45 B of 10 December 1996, 52/38 N of 9
of 20 November 2000, 56/24 G of 29 November 2001 and 57/73 of 22 November
2002,

Welcoming the adoption by the Disarmament Commission at its 1999
substantive session of a text entitled “Establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones
on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region
concerned”;

Determined to pursue the total elimination of nuclear weapons,

Determined also to continue to contribute to the prevention of the proliferation
of nuclear weapons in all its aspects and to the process of general and complete
dismament under strict and effective international control, in particular in the field
of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, with a view to
strengthening international peace and security, in accordance with the purposes and
principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the provisions on nuclear-weapon-free zones of the Final Document
of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the First special session
devoted to disarmament,

1 Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/54/42),
S/1082.
2 Resolution S/102/2.

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Stressing the importance of the treaties of Tlatelolco, Ranongta, Bangkok and Pelindaba establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones, as well as the Antarctic Treaty, to inter alia, achieve a world entirely free of nuclear weapons.

Underlining the value of enhancing cooperation among the nuclear-weapon-free-zone treaty parties by means of mechanisms such as joint meetings of States parties, signatories and observers to these treaties,

Recalling the applicable principles and rules of international law relating to the freedom of the high seas and the rights of passage through maritime space, including those of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

1. **Welcome** the continued contribution that the Antarctic Treaty and the treaties of Tlatelolco, Ranongta, Bangkok and Pelindaba are making towards freezing the southern hemisphere and adjacent areas covered by these treaties from nuclear weapons;

2. **Welcome** the ratification by all original parties of the Treaty of Ranongta, and calls upon eligible States to adhere to the South Pacific nuclear-free-zone treaty and its protocols;

3. **Welcome** the efforts towards the completion of the ratification process of the Treaty of Pelindaba, and calls upon the States of the region that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the treaty, with the aim of its early entry into force;

4. **Calls upon** all concerned States to continue to work together in order to facilitate adherence to the protocols to nuclear-weapon-free-zone treaties by all relevant States that have not yet done so;

5. **Welcome** the steps taken to conclude further nuclear-weapon-free-zone treaties on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, and calls upon all States to consider all relevant proposals, including those reflected in its resolutions on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in the Middle East and South Asia;

6. **Affirms** its conviction of the important role of nuclear-weapon-free zones in strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime and in extending the area of the world that are nuclear-weapon-free, and, with particular reference to the responsibilities of the nuclear-weapon States, calls upon all States to support the process of nuclear disarmament and to work for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons;

7. **Calls upon** the States parties and signatories to the treaties of Tlatelolco, Ranongta, Bangkok and Pelindaba, in order to pursue the common goals envisaged

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3 See The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, vol. 10: 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IX.7), appendix VII.
4 Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.
5 A/50/426, annexes.
in those treaties and to promote the nuclear-weapons-free status of the southern hemisphere and adjacent areas, to explore and implement further ways and means of cooperation among themselves and their treaty agencies.

8. Welcomes the vigorous efforts being made among States parties and signatories to those treaties to promote their common objectives, and considers that an international conference of States parties and signatories to the nuclear-weapons-free-zone treaties might be held to support the common goals envisaged in those treaties;

9. Encourages the competent authorities of the nuclear-weapons-free-zone treaties to provide assistance to the States parties and signatories to those treaties so as to facilitate the accomplishment of those goals;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled “Nuclear-weapons-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas”.