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Agenda item 98 (l)
General and complete disarmament: relationship between
disarmament and development

Indonesia: * draft resolution

**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

*Recalling further* its resolutions 49/75 J of 15 December 1994, 50/70 G of
53/77 K of 4 December 1998, 54/54 T of 1 December 1999, 55/33 L of
20 November 2000, 56/24 E of 29 November 2001, 57/65 of 22 November 2002,
59/78 of 3 December 2004, 60/61 of 8 December 2005, 61/64 of 6 December 2006,
and 65/52 of 8 December 2010, and its decision 58/520 of 8 December 2003,

*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

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¹ See resolution S-10/2.
Cartagena, Colombia, on 8 and 9 April 2000, as well as the Final Documents of the Fifteenth Summit Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, from 11 to 16 July 2009, and the Sixteenth Ministerial Conference and the Commemorative Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 23 to 27 May 2011,

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 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 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,

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. 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 2012, as well as to make greater efforts to integrate disarmament, humanitarian and development activities;

6 See A/59/119.
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;

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;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh 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-seventh session the item entitled “Relationship between disarmament and development”.