

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee on Disarmament submits to the thirty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 1980 session, together with the pertinent documents and records. This report also includes an account of the organization of the Committee (part II) and of the Committee's work based on the agenda adopted for 1980 (part III).

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

A. 1980 Session of the Committee

2. The Committee was in session from 5 February to 29 April and from 12 June to 9 August 1980. During this period, the Committee held 48 formal plenary meetings at which members set forth their Governments' views and recommendations on the questions before the Committee.

3. The Committee also held 45 informal meetings on various subjects, including its schedule of work, organization and procedures, as well as items of the agenda considered by the Committee.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, the following Member States assumed the Chairmanship of the Committee: Canada for February, China for March, Cuba for April and the recess between the first and second part of the 1980 session of the Committee, Czechoslovakia for the remainder of June, Egypt for July, and Ethiopia for August and the recess until the 1981 session of the Committee.

B. Participants in the Work of the Committee

5. Representatives of the following Member States participated in the work of the Committee: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire. The lists of participants are included as Appendix I to the report.

C. Agenda for the 1980 Session and Programme of Work for the First and Second Parts of the Session

6. At the 61st plenary meeting the Chairman submitted a proposal on the provisional agenda of the Committee, in conformity with rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure. In submitting that proposal, the Chairman stated the following:

"In accordance with rule 27 of its rules of procedure the Committee, in adopting its agenda for 1980 (contained in Working Paper No. 1) shall take into account the recommendations made to it by the General Assembly, the proposals presented by members of the Committee and the decisions of the Committee.