



do justice to so many issues in the six or seven weeks available to it. Moreover, not enough time and effort was being devoted to trying to reach common approaches to these issues. The danger inherent in this situation, as Canada saw it, was that "decisions taken by straight majority vote (and these now account for two-thirds of the First Committee's resolutions) without regard to the views of a minority whose support may be essential for their implementation may lose their credibility."

Similar conclusions had been reached earlier by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Writing in the *Disarmament Times* (February 1985), Mr. Jozef Goldblat of the Institute pointed out that UNGA resolutions on arms control and disarmament had made little impact on the course of arms control negotiations partly because their proliferation had reduced their value and partly because, in some cases, resolutions adopted on the same issue contained divergent recommendations.

As Mr. Goldblat pointed out, "All such resolutions ceased to play the main role originally assigned to them, namely, that of serving as a sounding board for ideas and proposals." Of considerable importance as well was the fact that "those voting in favour do not necessarily include all the militarily significant states, that is, states whose consent is indispensable to reach a disarmament agreement. Therefore the important role of the General Assembly, that of providing guidance for arms control talks, is no longer fulfilled either."

## **Arms Control and Disarmament (ACD) Resolutions at UNGA 40**

### **(Total ACD Resolutions Adopted — 66)**

Resolutions marked with an asterisk were co-sponsored by Canada.

Countries in parentheses are lead sponsors.

| <b>RESOLUTION<br/>NUMBER</b> | <b>RESOLUTION<br/>Supported by Canada<br/>(41 including 20 adopted without a vote)</b>                             | <b>VOTE<br/>(Yes/No/Abstain)<br/>(Without a vote)</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 40/94B (Finland)             | Study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones                                                                 | WOV                                                   |
| 40/82 (Egypt)                | Nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East                                                                        | WOV                                                   |
| 40/83 (Pakistan)             | Nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia                                                                             | 104-3-41                                              |
| 40/89A (Mauritius)           | Denuclearization of Africa                                                                                         | 148-0-6                                               |
| 40/79 (Mexico)               | Treaty of Tlatelolco                                                                                               | 139-0-7                                               |
| *40/152B (UK)                | Bilateral nuclear-arms and space arms negotiations                                                                 | 107-0-40                                              |
| 40/18 (Yugoslavia)           | Bilateral nuclear-arms negotiations                                                                                | 76-0-12                                               |
| 40/81 (New Zealand)          | Urgent need for a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty                                                            | 116-4-29                                              |
| 40/152G (Mexico)             | Nuclear winter                                                                                                     | 141-1-10                                              |
| *40/94G (Canada)             | Fissionable material for weapons purposes                                                                          | 145-1-7                                               |
| 40/86 (Pakistan)             | International arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon states against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons | 142-0-6                                               |
| *40/94M (Egypt)              | Third Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons                                  | 138-0-11                                              |
| 40/91A (Romania)             | Reduction of military budgets                                                                                      | WOV                                                   |
| 40/91B (Sweden)              | Reduction of military budgets                                                                                      | 113-13-15                                             |
| *40/94K (UK)                 | Objective information on military matters                                                                          | 107-13-16                                             |
| 40/94C (Denmark)             | Study on conventional disarmament                                                                                  | WOV                                                   |
| 40/84 (Sweden)               | Conventional weapons deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects                          | WOV                                                   |
| 40/94A (Peru)                | Conventional disarmament on a regional scale                                                                       | 128-0-8                                               |
| *40/92B (Canada)             | Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons                                                                  | WOV                                                   |
| *40/92C (USA)                | Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons                                                                  | 112-16-22                                             |
| 40/87 (Sri Lanka)            | Prevention of an arms race in outer space                                                                          | 151-0-2                                               |
| 40/152D (Mexico)             | Comprehensive programme of disarmament                                                                             | WOV                                                   |
| 40/150 (Romania)             | Economic and social consequences of the armaments race                                                             | 139-1-7                                               |
| 40/152F (13 initiators)      | Report of the Disarmament Commission                                                                               | WOV                                                   |
| 40/152L (Nigeria)            | Second Disarmament Decade                                                                                          | WOV                                                   |
| 40/94N (Australia)           | Disarmament and the maintenance of international peace and security                                                | 99-0-53                                               |