

III. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE DURING ITS 1980 SESSION

19. The work of the Committee during its 1980 session was based on its agenda and programme of work adopted for the year. The list of documents issued by the Committee, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix II to the report. An index of the verbatim records by country and subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 1980, and the verbatim records of the meetings of the Committee are attached as Appendix III to the report.

20. The Committee also had before it a letter dated 25 January 1980 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/55), transmitting all the resolutions on disarmament adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session in 1979, in particular those entrusting specific responsibilities to the Committee on Disarmament, which are mentioned in paragraph 6 of this report.

21. In the same letter the Secretary-General drew attention, in particular, to the following provisions of those resolutions:

(a) In resolution 34/72, operative paragraph 2 urges the Committee on Disarmament to undertake, at the beginning of its 1980 session negotiations on an agreement on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and on their destruction, as a matter of high priority, taking into account all existing proposals and future initiatives; and operative paragraph 3 requests the Committee on Disarmament to report on the results of its negotiations to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(b) In resolution 34/73, operative paragraph 4 requests the Committee on Disarmament to initiate negotiations on a treaty to achieve the prohibition of all nuclear test explosions by all States for all time, as a matter of the highest priority.

(c) In resolution 34/79, operative paragraph 1 requests the Committee on Disarmament, in the light of its existing priorities, actively to continue negotiations, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, with a view to preparing a draft comprehensive agreement on the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons and, where necessary, specific agreements on particular types of such weapons; and operative paragraph 2 requests the Committee on Disarmament to submit a report on the results achieved to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session.

(d) In resolution 34/83 B, operative paragraph 1 urges the Committee on Disarmament to proceed, without any further delay, to substantive negotiations on the priority questions of disarmament on its agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly and the other relevant resolutions of the Assembly on these subjects; operative paragraph 3 requests the Committee on Disarmament to initiate negotiations at its next session on the comprehensive programme of disarmament, with a view to completing its elaboration before the second special session of the General Assembly on disarmament and, in doing so, to take as a basis the recommendations adopted by the Disarmament Commission; and operative paragraph 4 requests the Committee on Disarmament to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.