

65. The General Assembly notes with satisfaction the active participation of Member States and non-governmental organizations. The proposals and suggestions submitted by them have made a valuable contribution to the work of the special session. As a number of these proposals and suggestions, which have become an integral part of the work of the special session of the General Assembly, deserve to be studied further and more thoroughly, taking into consideration the many relevant comments and observations made both in the plenary meetings and the deliberations of the Committee of the Whole of the Fifteenth Special Session, the Secretary-General is requested to transmit, together with this Document, to the appropriate deliberative and negotiating organs dealing with the questions of disarmament all the official records of this special session devoted to disarmament, in accordance with the recommendations which the Assembly may adopt at its forty-third session. Some of the proposals submitted by Member States for the consideration of the special session are listed in the annex, which is an integral part of the Document of the Fifteenth Special Session.

V. CONCLUSIONS

66. During recent years, a favourable climate has developed within the international community and progress has been recorded in the field of arms limitation and disarmament. The direct threat of a war, including a nuclear war, involving the nuclear-weapon States has gradually decreased, thus opening the way to greater stability and predictability. Despite this encouraging trend, however, many of the universal hopes for disarmament remain unfulfilled. The progress achieved thus far, while not extensive, can help to chart a sound and realistic future course of arms limitation and disarmament efforts on the part of the international community. The opportunity and challenge therefore exist to move forward in the remaining years of this century towards significant reductions in armaments and armed forces, leading to the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

67. The United Nations represents the focal point of the international community for fostering multilateral co-operation wherein bilateral and regional efforts can be complementary and mutually supportive in attaining the principal objectives of the United Nations, which are international peace and security, development of friendly relations among nations and the advancement of the economic and social well-being of all peoples. Accordingly, the General Assembly solemnly declares its determination to pursue genuine and lasting peace through the effective implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and to take determined and energetic action to achieve the early and substantial reduction of armaments and armed forces in the disarmament process as set out in relevant documents of the United Nations.
