

60. The World Disarmament Campaign should continue its positive contribution by informing, educating and generating public understanding and support for the objectives of the United Nations in the field of arms limitation and disarmament in a balanced, factual and objective manner. Within the framework of the Campaign, the Department for Disarmament Affairs, with the assistance of Member States, should in particular enhance the role and promote the work of the United Nations regional centres in Africa, Asia and Latin America in accordance with their mandates.

61. In order to assure the continued viability of the Campaign, Member States are again invited to continue their support and, in particular, to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Campaign so that the objectives of the Campaign could be successfully carried out on a world-wide basis. Voluntary contributions made by non-governmental organizations, foundations and trusts, and other private sources are also welcome.

62. The General Assembly reaffirms its recognition of the positive role that an informed public opinion can play in the process of disarmament by promoting a constructive and realistic dialogue on issues related to disarmament. In this connection, the Assembly welcomes the support that the non-governmental organization community has extended to its fifteenth special session. With a view to achieving the widest possible dissemination of information on questions of disarmament, the Secretary-General should have greater and more substantive contacts with non-governmental organizations, including women's and youth organizations, and other audiences identified by the Campaign. The Secretary-General should also use the occasion of the annual observance of Disarmament Week for enhancing public awareness of the efforts of Member States and of the progress made in the field of arms limitation and disarmament.

63. The United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme has, in the 10 years since its launching by the General Assembly at its first special session devoted to disarmament, made a significant and useful contribution to the development of greater expertise in disarmament issues. The programme should be continued, within the existing resources allocated to it, in accordance with guidelines approved by the Assembly and should be maintained at the level approved by the twelfth special session.

64. The Conference on Disarmament, the multilateral negotiating body of the international community, remains an indispensable forum in the field of disarmament. The General Assembly recommends that the Conference intensify its work on various substantive items on its agenda. The General Assembly notes that the Conference has agreed to intensify its consultations on the expansion of its membership with a view to taking a positive decision at its 1988 session that would be conveyed to the Assembly at its forty-third session.

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