

53. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean should continue its work in accordance with its mandate for the implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.
54. The Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference should suspend its work until such time as the General Assembly may deem appropriate to reactivate it.
55. The Security Council, in line with its responsibilities envisaged under the Charter, and taking into account the interrelationship between disarmament and international security, can play an appropriate role in this regard, including matters relating to the provision of security guarantees either in the context of global or regional arms limitation and disarmament agreements.
56. The Secretary-General, in accordance with the Charter, has an important role to play in the maintenance of international peace and security. Consideration should be given by Member States to enhancing his role in the area of arms limitation and disarmament. For example, the Secretary-General could be designated as the depositary of future multilateral disarmament agreements. The Secretary-General could also, upon invitation of participating States, represent the United Nations at disarmament negotiations outside the United Nations framework and inform the General Assembly periodically of relevant developments in the field of arms limitation and disarmament efforts.
57. In order to assist the Secretary-General in the discharge of his responsibilities as well as to ensure the necessary assistance and services to Member States, the status of the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat should remain unchanged. In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Department's staff and resources should be maintained at the present level within the existing overall resources of the Secretariat. The universality of interest in disarmament should be reflected in the structure of the Department through effective geographical balance, including at the senior professional levels. Without prejudice to the overall geographical balance, the Department should continue its intensive efforts to increase the employment of appropriately qualified women, including at the senior professional levels.
58. The role and functions of the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies should be strengthened with a view to enhancing the contribution that it makes to the knowledge and discussion of disarmament matters. To this end, the Board should be named the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.
59. The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) should continue to conduct independent research on disarmament-related problems. Its potential for carrying out research of a specialized or highly expert nature should be further encouraged. Appropriate financial support is needed in order to ensure the continued viability and development of the Institute.