

some 40 times in the text [of the conference draft Final Document], generally unqualified by "international," thus indicating a preference for the concept of security put forward by the major military alliances to the detriment of the system of collective security envisaged in the Charter. What is more, the implication is that any future discussion of the disarmament/development relationship should include security as a constant partner.<sup>63</sup>

Later, Mexico denounced the Conference for "giving far too much importance to the concept of security" and,

...developing countries must be more vigorous in defending our own position, so as to prevent others from diverting us from the course which we have been pursuing for years. We must therefore remain on the look-out against any attempt to forestall and perhaps even distort the essential objectives which have brought us together in this forum.<sup>64</sup>

It has been claimed<sup>65</sup> that the main result of the 1987 International Conference on the Relationship Between Disarmament and Development (ICRDD) was the consensus agreement among participating nations that security could be strengthened by both disarmament and development. Because disarmament could contribute to security, and because development could also contribute to security, disarmament and development can therefore be related through their common relationship to security.

The Conference attempt to define security therefore deserves some attention:

Security consists of not only military, but also political, economic, social, humanitarian and human rights and ecological aspects....<sup>66</sup>

....Recently, non-military threats to security have moved to the forefront of global concern. Underdevelopment and declining prospects for development, as well as mismanagement and waste of resources, constitute challenges to security. The degradation of the environment presents a threat to sustainable development. The world can hardly be regarded as secure so long as there is

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<sup>63</sup> Letter from the Permanent Representative of Mexico, A/Conf. 130/20, 9 September 1987, p.2.

<sup>64</sup> Letter from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico, A/Conf. 130/29, 11 September 1987, p.3.

<sup>65</sup> For example, see the statement to the ICRDD by Douglas Roche, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament, 11 September 1987, A/Conf. 130/135.

<sup>66</sup> ICRDD Final Document, 11 September 1987, paragraph 14.