

of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons¹⁴ and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives,

Appreciating the assistance given by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation completed in February 1980,

Noting the excellent safety record of nuclear power generation, but aware of the need to pay continuing attention to the questions of nuclear safety and waste management,

Bearing in mind the special needs of developing countries for technical assistance by the International Atomic Energy Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development, and the need to assure a satisfactory and effective source of financing to implement adequate and effective technical assistance programmes,

Conscious of the importance of developing ways and means in which supplies of nuclear material, equipment and technology and fuel cycle services could be assured on a more predictable and long-term basis, in accordance with mutually acceptable considerations of non-proliferation, and of the importance of the role and responsibilities of the International Atomic Energy Agency in this regard,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that:

(a) The International Atomic Energy Agency is continuously making efforts to strengthen its activities in the field of technical assistance to the developing countries;

(b) Assistance provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency is playing a significant role in the introduction of nuclear power as well as in the application of nuclear science and technology, particularly in the fields of agriculture, medicine and industry in the developing countries;

(c) All possible effective means to assure the financing of technical assistance are being studied;

3. *Commends* the International Atomic Energy Agency for its continuing efforts to ensure the safe and secure use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes throughout the world, notes with satisfaction the steady improvement of the Agency's safeguards system and welcomes the conclusion that in 1979 nuclear material under Agency safeguards remained in peaceful nuclear activities or was otherwise adequately accounted for;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the steps taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency to expand and strengthen its programmes in nuclear safety and enhance its ability to deal with emergencies as well as the useful discussions at the International Conference on Current Nuclear Power Plant Safety Issues, held at Stockholm from 20 to 24 October 1980;

5. *Urges* all States to support the endeavours of the International Atomic Energy Agency, pursuant to its statute, in furthering the peaceful uses of nuclear power, improving the effectiveness of safeguards and promoting nuclear safety;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* that:

(a) There is continuing progress in the studies by the International Atomic Energy Agency aimed at establishing a system of international storage of plutonium and the international management of spent fuel;

(b) The Committee on Assurances of Supply, open to all States members of the International Atomic Energy Agency, established by the Board of Governors of the Agency in June 1980, held its first session in September and will reconvene at the beginning of March 1981;

7. *Urges* all States that have not already done so to ratify the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which was opened for signature on 3 March 1980;

8. *Notes* that the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 33/3 of 2 November 1978 was duly considered at the twenty-third and twenty-fourth regular sessions of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency and expresses the hope that the matter will be brought to an early conclusion;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

*53rd plenary meeting
6 November 1980*

35/36. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

The General Assembly,

Having examined the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Islamic Conference",

Recalling its resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, by which it granted observer status to the Islamic Conference,¹⁵

Noting that the Organization of the Islamic Conference has reaffirmed its support for the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the purposes and principles of which constitute the basis for a fruitful co-operation between all peoples,

Noting further that contacts at the highest level have been established between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Taking into account the fact that the Secretary-General of the United Nations is represented at the Islamic Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs by a Special Representative at the level of Under-Secretary-General,

Taking note of the effective participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the numerous resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference seeking to find solutions to the serious problems relating, *inter alia*, to international peace and security, disarmament, self-

¹⁴Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

¹⁵By a letter dated 29 October 1980 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Islamic Group in New York, requested that, in accordance with article I of the Charter of the Islamic Conference, the designation "Organization of the Islamic Conference" should henceforth be used at the United Nations.

determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order, which are matters of common concern for the two organizations,

Taking into account the fruitful co-operation which already exists between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. *Decides* to promote further the co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the political, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields and urges the two organizations to co-operate in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the determination of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to work towards finding solutions to the serious problems relating to international peace and security in accordance with its Charter and the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts to maintain contacts with the Organization of the Islamic Conference and requests him to further strengthen these contacts;

4. *Welcomes* the active participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations in the fields of common interest to both organizations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine ways and means of further strengthening co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and to submit a report to that effect to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".

63rd plenary meeting
14 November 1980

35/37. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security",

Recalling its resolution ES-6/2 of 14 January 1980 adopted at its sixth emergency special session,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the obligation of all States to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of any State,

Reaffirming further the inalienable right of all peoples to determine their own form of government and to choose their own economic, political and social system free from outside intervention, subversion, coercion or constraint of any kind whatsoever;

Gravely concerned at the continuing foreign armed intervention in Afghanistan, in contravention of the above principles, and its serious implications for international peace and security,

Deeply concerned at the increasing outflow of refugees from Afghanistan,

Deeply conscious of the urgent need for a political solution of the grave situation in respect of Afghanistan,

Recognizing the importance of the continuing efforts and initiatives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference for a political solution of the situation in respect of Afghanistan,

1. *Reiterates* that the preservation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and non-aligned character of Afghanistan is essential for a peaceful solution of the problem;

2. *Reaffirms* the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government and to choose their economic, political and social system free from outside intervention, subversion, coercion or constraint of any kind whatsoever;

3. *Calls for* the immediate withdrawal of the foreign troops from Afghanistan;

4. *Also calls upon* all parties concerned to work for the urgent achievement of a political solution and the creation of the necessary conditions which would enable the Afghan refugees to return voluntarily to their homes in safety and honour;

5. *Appeals* to all States and national and international organizations to extend humanitarian relief assistance, with a view to alleviating the hardship of the Afghan refugees, in co-ordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* of the efforts of the Secretary-General in the search for a solution to the problem and hopes that he will continue to extend assistance, including the appointment of a special representative, with a view to promoting a political solution in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution, and the exploration of securing appropriate guarantees for non-use of force, or threat of use of force, against the political independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of all neighbouring States, on the basis of mutual guarantees and strict non-interference in each other's internal affairs and with full regard for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States and the Security Council concurrently informed of progress towards the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to Member States a report on the situation at the earliest appropriate opportunity;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security".

70th plenary meeting
20 November 1980