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COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3261 F (XXIX) of 9 December 1974 and 3472 (XXX) of 11 December 1975 concerning the comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects,

Stressing the importance of the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, and Central Asia, which establish nuclear-weapon-free zones, in order, inter alia, to achieve the goal of a world entirely free of nuclear weapons,

Bearing in mind that Article VII of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons states that nothing in this Treaty shall prejudice the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties in order to ensure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories,

Reaffirming the conviction that, pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, the establishment and maintenance of nuclear-weapon-free zones promote global and regional peace and security, strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation regime and contribute to the achievement of nuclear disarmament objectives,

Urging **all [Peru]** States to continue to make concrete progress in strengthening all existing nuclear-weapon-free zones,

Convinced, almost five decades after the submission of this single study, of the need for a new comprehensive study of this issue in the light of developments in international law,

Considering that efforts concerning nuclear-weapon-free zones would be strengthened by a new comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General ~~to prepare~~, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts, **that will be established in 2023 based on equitable geographical distribution, to prepare a comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones and to present at its seventy-ninth session a report on the outcome of the study,** aimed at:
 - a) Assess the current status of the five nuclear-weapon-free zones, which currently exist, and Mongolia in the light of the evolution of the principles and norms of international law;
 - b) Recommend actions to strengthen all nuclear-weapon-free zones, including their universalization, institutionalization and cooperation mechanisms; as well as actions to encourage the establishment of such zones in other regions of the world;
 - c) To examine and recommend actions to establish a dialogue between nuclear-weapon-free zones and States Parties to the Protocols to the Treaties establishing such zones, in order to explore mutually acceptable solutions that would allow the withdrawal or revision of those reservations or interpretative declarations that contradict the object and purpose of the treaties establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones;

and considers that the group of experts [Peru: should **must**] invite representatives of international organizations with special competence, representatives of existing nuclear weapon free zones, as well as disarmament and peace institutes and relevant non-governmental organizations to make written and oral presentations to it;

- ~~2. Invites the Member States to communicate to the Secretary General their views on the lessons learned from the establishment of nuclear weapon free zones, as a contribution to the work carried out by the above mentioned group of governmental experts and on the report of the study outcome;~~
3. *Also requests* the group of governmental experts to invite **the Member States** [Perú], representatives of existing nuclear weapon free zones, representatives of international organizations with special competence, as well as disarmament and peace institutes and relevant non-governmental organizations to present their views on the subject of the requested study;
4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session an item entitled "Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects".