Sixty-first session  
First Committee  
Agenda item 91 (b)  
Review and Implementation of the Concluding  
Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the  
General Assembly: United Nations Disarmament  
Information Programme  

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican  
Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Mexico, New  
Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Spain,  
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uruguay: draft resolution  

United Nations Disarmament Information Programme  

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision taken in 1982 at its twelfth special session, the second  
special session devoted to disarmament, by which the World Disarmament  
Campaign was launched,\(^1\)

Bearing in mind its resolution 47/53 D of 9 December 1992, in which it  
decided, inter alia, that the World Disarmament Campaign should be known  
thereafter as the “United Nations Disarmament Information Programme” and the  
World Disarmament Campaign Voluntary Trust Fund as the “Voluntary Trust Fund  
for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme”,

Recalling its resolutions 51/46 A of 10 December 1996, 53/78 E of  
4 December 1998, 55/34 A of 20 November 2000, 57/90 of 22 November 2002 and  
59/103 of 3 December 2004,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations  
Disarmament Information Programme,\(^2\)

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on  
the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme,\(^2\) in which he underlines  
that the website of the Programme has grown exponentially in content and

\(^1\) See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Plenary Meetings, 1st  
meeting, paras. 110 and 111.  
\(^2\) A/61/215.
specialization and is being used by a greater number of Member States and other
users;

2. **Commends** the Secretary-General for his efforts to make effective use of
the limited resources available to him in disseminating as widely as possible,
including by electronic means, information on arms limitation and disarmament to
Governments, the media, non-governmental organizations, educational communities
and research institutes, and in carrying out a seminar and conference programme;

3. **Stresses** the importance of the Programme as a significant instrument in
enabling all Member States to participate fully in the deliberations and negotiations
on disarmament in the various United Nations bodies, in assisting them in
complying with treaties, as required, and in contributing to agreed mechanisms for
transparency;

4. **Commends with satisfaction** the launch of the first online version of *The
United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, the 2004 edition, by the Department for
Disarmament Affairs, together with the 2002 and 2003 archival editions;

5. **Notes with appreciation** the cooperation of the Department of Public
Information of the Secretariat and its information centres in pursuit of the objectives
of the Programme;

6. **Recommends** that the Programme continue to inform, educate and
generate public understanding of the importance of multilateral action and support
for it, including action by the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament,
in the field of arms limitation and disarmament, in a factual, balanced and objective
manner, and that it focus its efforts:

   (a) To continue to publish in all official languages *The United Nations
Disarmament Yearbook*, the flagship publication of the Department for Disarmament
Affairs;

   (b) To continue to maintain the disarmament website as a part of the United
Nations website and to produce versions of the site in as many official languages as
feasible;

   (c) To continue to intensify United Nations interaction with the public,
principally non-governmental organizations and research institutes, to help further
an informed debate on topical issues of arms limitation, disarmament and security;

   (d) To continue to organize discussions on topics of interest in the field of
arms limitation and disarmament with a view to broadening understanding and
facilitating an exchange of views and information among Member States and civil
society;

7. **Recognizes** the important support received from some Governments for
the Voluntary Trust Fund for the United Nations Disarmament Information
Programme, and invites once again all Member States to make further contributions
to the Fund with a view to sustaining a strong outreach programme;
8. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General,\(^3\) which reviews the implementation of the recommendations made in the 2002 study on disarmament and non-proliferation education;\(^4\)

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session a report covering both the implementation of the activities of the Programme by the United Nations system during the previous two years and the activities of the Programme contemplated by the system for the following two years;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled “United Nations Disarmament Information Programme”.

\(^3\) A/61/169 and Add 1.
\(^4\) A/57/124.