

## **A brief note on some resolutions that have been adopted by the UN General Assembly Plenary.**

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(I have compared all resolutions with their 2010 numbers rather than those of 2011 as operational readiness was not voted on in 2011 and I wanted to compare like with like.)

### Operational Readiness

Operational Readiness has improved its showing over 2010, when it was last adopted, by 7 votes, going from 157 to 164. However, Russia, which previously abstained or was absent during these votes, has voted an ugly 'NO'.

### Reducing Nuclear Danger

Went up marginally from 2010, going from 2010 121-49-14, to 2012 123-48-15.

### United Action

A marginal improvement if at all. While it was adopted by one more vote than in 2010, the number of abstainees also increased by two.

2010 173-1-11 2012 174-1-13.

Nuclear Disarmament ('NAM') - A slight improvement on 2010. Went from 120-45-18 in 2010, to 124-44-18 in 2012.

### New Agenda

Has improved marginally since 2010. 2010 173-5-5, 2012 175-6-5. Two more yesses one more no.

### CTBT

This is the resolution that has improved the most, apart from operational readiness. 2010-179-1-3, 2012-184-1-3

Overall on these important resolutions can see a marginal increase over 2010, but also in a few cases an increase in the number of no votes.

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