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^U.N. Chief Bemoans World Situation on U.N. Birthday<

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United Nations celebrated its 41st birthday in "an over-armed, over-militarized world, haunted by the nuclear threat, scarred by violence and plagued by terrorism and drug abuse," according to the secretary-general.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said in a statement, "it is not a world in which, for the future of humankind, the United Nations can be regarded as marginal or irrelevant."

The General Assembly observed the anniversary of the U.N. Charter coming into force in 1945 by passing two resolutions on peace.

One, sponsored by a group of non-communist nations calls on governments and organizations to continue efforts for peace beyond 1986 which was designated by the United Nations as International Year of Peace. It passed by consensus.

Another, sponsored by Soviet Bloc nations, calls on states and international organizations to implement "the right of peoples to peace." It passed 104-0 with 33 abstentions, mostly by Western countries.

Meanwhile a group of about 100 U.N. staff members and delegates paraded around the U.N. rose garden behind a copy of the U.N. Charter preamble and then sat in a conference room for "seven minutes of world peace."

The group asked all governments "to refrain from hostile or warlike action during the seven-minute observance."

The ceremony was organized by Indian spiritual teacher Sri Chinmoy who since 1970 has conducted weekly programs called "The Peace Meditation at the United Nations."

According to group members, followers of Sri Chinmoy and other groups in some 25 countries simultaneously observed the seven-minute peace meditation.