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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Australia, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru and Sweden:
draft resolution

International arms transfers

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that, in the Charter of the United Nations, Member States have undertaken to promote the maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion possible for armaments of the world's human and economic resources,

Taking into account the general principles outlined in paragraph 22 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ in particular that "there should also be negotiations on the limitation of international transfers of conventional weapons",

Also taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations studies on conventional disarmament, 2/ all aspects of regional disarmament, 3/, the economic and social consequences of the arms race and military

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

2/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IX.1.

3/ A/35/416.

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expenditures, 4/ the relationship between disarmament and development, **5/** reduction of **military** budgets, **6/** the relationship between disarmament and international security, **7/** and confidence-building measures, **8/**

Further taking into account the Programme of Action as agreed upon in the Final Document **of** the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, **9/**

1. **Expresses its conviction** that **arms** transfers in all their aspects deserve serious consideration by the international community, inter alia, because of:

(a) Their potential harmful effects in areas of tension and regional conflict, which threaten international peace and security and national security;

(b) Their known and potential negative effects on the process of the peaceful social and economic development of all peoples:

(c) Increased illicit and **covert arms** trafficking;

2. Reauests Member States to consider action on the following measures relating to these concerns:

(a) Reinforcement of their national **systems** of control and vigilance over the arms produced by them or transported through their territories;

(b) **Examination on** a regional basis of ways and means to refrain from acquiring arms additional to those needed for legitimate national security requirements and which could generate uncertainties in the region:

(c) Pursuit by exporting and importing States of agreements providing for **more** openness and transparency with regard to world-wide arms transfers, including the possibility of establishing a **system** for Member States to report information on **arms** transfers to the United Nations, on a universal and non-discriminatory basis:

3. Requests the United Nations Disarmament Commission to take into account the above-mentioned elements in its deliberations on the issue of conventional disarmament:

4/ A/43/368.

5/ United Nations publication, Sales No. R.82.1X.1.

6/ A/35/479.

7/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.1X.4.

8/ Ibid., Sales No. E.82.1X.3.

9/ Ibid., Sales No. E.87.1X.8.

4. ~~Requests~~ the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the implementation of the provisions mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present resolution]

5. ~~Requests~~ the Secretary-General, with the assistance of governmental experts, to explore the nature of mechanisms which might assist in the implementation of the provisions described in paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

6. ~~Requests also~~ the Secretary-General to make efforts, within the framework of the World Disarmament Campaign, to collect and disseminate information concerning the question of arms transfers and their consequences for international peace and security;

7. ~~Requests further~~ the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the views of Member States and on the work of the governmental experts on the possible means of implementation of the relevant provisions of the present resolution)

8. ~~Decides~~ to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session an item entitled "International arms transfers",
