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CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 38/66 of 15 December 1983, the General Assembly, having recalled with satisfaction the adoption, on 10 October 1980, of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, together with the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III), 1/ having reaffirmed its conviction that general agreement on the prohibition or restriction of use of specific conventional weapons would significantly reduce the suffering of civilian populations and of combatants, and having taken note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General (A/38/405), inter alia, noted with satisfaction that upon the fulfilment of the conditions set out in article 5 of the Convention, the Convention and the three Protocols annexed thereto had entered into force on 2 December 1983, and requested the Secretary-General as the depositary of the Convention and its three annexed protocols, to inform the General Assembly from time to time of the state of adherence to the said Convention and its Protocols.
2. Pursuant to the above request of the General Assembly, the actions in respect of the Convention and three Protocols for the period under review, that is, from September 1983 to 31 August 1984, are indicated in the annex to the present report. 2/

* A/39/150.

3. As at 31 August 1984, 53 countries had signed the Convention, 21 had ratified it, 1 had accepted it and 2 had acceded to it. Instruments for those actions were accompanied by acceptances of the three Protocols annexed to the Convention.

Notes

1/ A/CONF.95/15 and Corr.2, annex I. For the printed text of the Convention and its Protocols, see United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, vol. 5: 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII.

2/ The status of the Convention and three Protocols covering the periods from 10 April 1981 to 31 August 1982 and from 1 September 1982 to 31 August 1983 are contained in documents A/37/199 and Corr.1 and A/38/405, respectively.

ANNEX

Actions in respect of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its three Protocols during the period from 1 September 1983 to 31 August 1984

| <u>State</u> | <u>Ratification, acceptance (A), approval (AA), accession (a)</u> | <u>Acceptance pursuant to article 4, paragraphs 3 and 4 Protocols</u> | | |
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| Australia | 29 September 1983 | X | X | X |
| India | 1 March 1984 | X | X | X |
