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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 First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Dimitris PLATIS (Greece)

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "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\*" **was** **'included** in the provisional agenda of the forty-fourth session in accordance with **General Asssmbly** resolution **43/67** of 7 December 1988.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the **General** Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 13 October, the **First** Committee decided to hold a general debate on the disarmament **items** allocated to it, **namely**, items 49 to 69 and 151. The deliberations on those **items** took place between the 3rd and 25th meetings, **from** 16 October to 1 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.3-25**). **Consideration** of and action on draft resolutions on those items took place between the 26th and 41st meetings, from 2 to 17 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.26-41**).

4. In connection with item 55, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report **of** the Secretary-General on 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 (**A/44/569**);

(b) Letter dated 23 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/347-S/20702);

(c) Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final documents of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare from 17 to 19 May 1989 (A/44/409-5/20743 and Corr.1 and 2).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.1/44/L.6

5. On 27 October 1989, Sweden submitted a draft decision entitled "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" (A/C.1/44/L.6), which was introduced by its representative at the 28th meeting, on 6 November.

6. At its 32nd meeting, on 9 November, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/44/L.6 without a vote (see pars. 7).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/67 of 7 December 1988,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "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".

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