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ON A REGIONAL SCALE

Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica,  
Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece,  
Guatemala, Honduras, India, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg,  
Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru,  
Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay: draft resolution

Regional disarmament, including confidence-building measures

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/116 S, 44/116 U and 44/117 B of 15 December 1989,

Welcoming the report of the Disarmament Commission adopted at its substantive session of 1990, 1/

Recognizing that regional disarmament measures can contribute effectively to the general process of arms reduction and disarmament,

Convinced that disarmament can be carried out only in a climate of confidence based on mutual respect and aimed at ensuring better relations founded on justice, solidarity and co-operation,

Recognizing also the importance and effectiveness of measures of regional disarmament taken at the initiative and with the participation of all States

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/45/42).

concerned and taking into account the specific characteristics of each region, in that they can contribute to universal security and stability, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Conscious of the importance of confidence-building measures to ensure the success of this process,

Noting with satisfaction the important progress made in various regions of the world through the conclusion of peace, security and co-operation agreements and following from the implementation of measures intended to enhance confidence in the fields of political, economic and military co-operation,

Noting that the consumption of resources for potentially destructive purposes is in stark contrast to the need for social and economic development but that reduction in military expenditure following, inter alia, the conclusion of regional disarmament agreements could entail benefits in both the social and economic fields,

1. Reaffirms that the regional approach to disarmament is one of the essential elements in global efforts;
2. Encourages all States to recognize the value of confidence-building measures -- military or non-military - taken in the framework of initiatives of regional disarmament;
3. Invites all States to contribute, in appropriate forums, to the consideration of the question of regional disarmament, including the confidence-building measures likely to contribute thereto, taking into account the specific characteristics of the regions concerned.