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REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS;
TRANSPARENCY AND REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America:
draft resolution

Transparency of military expenditures

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/142 B of 12 December 1980, which introduced the United Nations standardized reporting system on military expenditures,

Noting that since then national reports on military expenditures have voluntarily been submitted by a number of Member States belonging to different geographic regions,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for providing Member States with the reports on military expenditures,

Welcoming the decision of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe participating States as contained in the 1990 Vienna document of the negotiations on confidence- and security-building measures to exchange annually information on their military budgets, on the basis of the categories of the United Nations standardized reporting system on military expenditures,

Welcoming the recent progress achieved in arms limitations and disarmament, which, in the long term, will lead to significant reductions in military expenditures,

Convinced that the end of the East-West confrontation and the resulting improvement of international relations form a sound basis for further promoting openness and transparency on all military matters,

Emphasizing that an increased flow and exchange of information on military expenditures will contribute to the predictability of military activities, thus strengthening international peace and security on a global and regional level,

Recalling that the Disarmament Commission in dealing with objective information on military matters is currently developing principles, mechanisms, and guidelines aimed at the enhancement of openness and transparency in military matters, including military expenditures,

1. Calls upon all Member States to participate in the standardized reporting system on military expenditures as adopted by the General Assembly;
2. Encourages the Disarmament Commission to finalize its work on objective information on military matters in 1992;
3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session an item entitled "Transparency of military expenditures".
