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Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Confidence-building and security-building measures and conventional disarmament

The General Assembly,

Determined to achieve progress and concrete results in disarmament,

Recalling the obligation for States to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations and recalling the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the need to increase security and stability in Europe through a stable, secure and verifiable balance of conventional forces at lower levels, as well as through increased openness about military activities and potentials as an objective of great importance,

Reaffirming the importance of continued efforts to build confidence, to lessen military confrontation and to enhance security for all,

Mindful of the positive effects that the implementation of the agreements achieved in the process of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe has for consolidating security and co-operation on that continent and in the whole world,

Noting the agreed aim of the Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe to undertake in stages new effective and concrete actions designed to make progress in strengthening confidence and security and in achieving disarmament,

Stressing that the implementation of the confidence- and security-building measures adopted in Stockholm has in the first year proved satisfactory and has thus contributed to confidence-building in Europe,

Noting that the build-up of conventional forces has led to imbalances, the elimination of which could increase stability and security,

Bearing in mind the need for the elimination of existing disparities in conventional forces in Europe, so as to establish conventional stability,

Aware of the fact that the complexity of negotiations aiming at achieving a stable, secure and verifiable balance of conventional forces at lower levels requires a step-by-step approach, which should proceed in a manner which ensures that the security of each participant is not adversely affected at any stage,

Mindful that the defensive character of military concepts must be reflected in the structures, postures and deployments of armed forces, as well as the military capabilities that derive from these,

Taking note of the report of the Disarmament Commission on the question, 1/

Bearing in mind the principles of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 2/ the first special session devoted to disarmament,

1. Welcomes again the results achieved by the Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and on Disarmament in Europe in the light of the implementation during the first year of the concrete, militarily significant, and politically binding measures and accompanied by adequate forms of verification, covering the whole of Europe, adopted on 19 September 1986;

2. Believes that there is a need for strengthening stability and security at a lower level of forces through concrete, effective and verifiable measures bearing upon conventional forces and weapons consistent with that objective;

3. Welcomes the prospect of negotiations in the field of confidence- and security-building measures and in the field of conventional stability, both to be held within the framework of the process of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe;

1/ A/CN.10/1987/WG.III/CRP.3.

2/ Resolution S-10/2.

4. Believes that such negotiations should lead to further progress in the area of military transparency, thus strengthening confidence between States and promoting security and peace;

5. Invites all States to consider the possibility of negotiating concrete agreements which would take full account of specific regional conditions and contribute to lessening confrontation as well as strengthening security.

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