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United Nations Register of Conventional Arms

Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/36 L of 9 December 1991 on transparency in armaments, the Secretary-General, on 1 January 1992, established the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms. In that resolution, the General Assembly called upon all Member States to provide annually data on imports and exports of conventional arms in the seven categories covered under the Register. It also invited Member States, pending the expansion of the Register, to provide to the Secretary-General, with their annual report on imports and exports of arms, available background information regarding their military holdings, procurement through national production and relevant policies, and requested the Secretary-General to record that material and to make it available for consultation by Member States at their request.
2. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, by its resolution 47/52 L of 12 December 1992 on transparency in armaments, called upon all Member States to provide the requested data and information to the Secretary-General by 30 April annually, beginning in 1993, and encouraged Member States to inform the Secretary-General of their national arms import and export policies, legislation and administrative procedures, both as regards authorization of arms transfers and prevention of illicit transfers, in conformity with paragraph 18 of its resolution 46/36 L. Subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly reiterated this request.¹ In addition, the General Assembly, in its resolution 49/75 C took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development (A/49/316). By the same resolution and subsequent resolutions, the General Assembly decided to keep the scope of and participation in the Register under review, and to that end requested Member States to provide the Secretary-General with their views on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction (see A/50/276 and Add.1 and A/51/300, annex). In its resolution 51/45 H the Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts convened in 1997, to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development, taking into account the report of the Disarmament Commission at its 1996 session on the subject of international arms transfers, the work of the Conference on Disarmament, the views expressed by Member States and the 1994 report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development (A/49/316), with a view to a decision at its fifty-second session. The 1997 report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development is contained in document A/52/316.
3. The present report, which is also being prepared in accordance with resolution 51/45 H, is the fifth consolidated report issued by the Secretary-

¹ Resolutions A/RES/48/75 E of 16 December 1993, A/RES/49/75 C of 15 December 1994 and A/RES/51/45 H of 10 December 1996.

General since the establishment of the Register.² It contains data and information provided by 85 Governments³ on imports and exports of conventional arms covered under the Register - battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, large-calibre artillery systems, attack helicopters, combat aircraft, warships, missiles and missile launchers - for the calendar year 1996. The replies as received are contained in section II below. Any additional replies received from Governments will be issued as addenda to the present report.

4. Section III of the present report contains an index of the background information submitted by Governments in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 18 of General Assembly resolution 46/36 L and paragraph 5 of resolution 47/52 L. The background information is available at the United Nations Centre for Disarmament Affairs for consultation.

5. In accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 51/45 H, the Secretary-General has also received further views on the continuing operation and further development of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction from Israel, Mauritania (in its capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of September 1997 on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) as well as of Norway and Iceland) and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Those replies are contained in the annex to the present report.

II. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS⁴

6. Information received from Governments is presented in this section of the report as follows: (a) a composite table listing all the replies received by the Secretary-General, and (b) individual replies of Governments. Where appropriate, the relevant parts of notes verbales are also reproduced.

7. The composite table is provided for ease of reference. As regards the information contained in the table, it should be noted that a "yes" denotes a submission of data regarding imports and/or exports in relation to the seven categories of arms covered by the Register, during the reporting period. For the purpose of uniform tabulation, responses by Governments that contained either "nil", "none", "0", a dash (-), or which otherwise indicated that no

² The first to fourth reports were issued under the symbols A/48/344 and Corr.1-3 and Add.1-3, A/49/352 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1-4, A/50/547 and Add.1-4 and Corr.1 and A/51/300 and Add.1-5 respectively.

³ Including a "nil" report submitted by Cook Islands.

⁴ The documents have been reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities.

exports and/or imports in the categories covered by the Register had taken place are reflected in the table as "nil" reports. A blank space under data on imports and/or exports in the composite table indicates that no information was provided. In some cases, however, an explanation can be found in the note verbale of the country in question, as indicated above. Only those parts of the standardized forms which contain specific data and notes verbales of Governments providing relevant information are reproduced in part B of this section. Replies in standardized forms or in notes verbales containing "nil" or blank reports are listed in the composite table only.

A. Composite table of replies of Governments

| State | Data on exports | Data on imports | Explanation submitted in note verbale | Background information |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Andorra | nil | nil | | no |
| Argentina | nil | yes | | yes |
| Armenia | nil | nil | | yes |
| Australia | yes | yes | | yes |
| Austria | yes | nil | | yes |
| Azerbaijan | nil | nil | | yes |
| Belarus | yes | nil | | no |
| Belgium | yes | nil | | yes |
| Brazil | nil | yes | | yes |
| Brunei Darussalam | | yes | | no |
| Bulgaria | nil | yes | | yes |
| Canada | yes | yes | | yes |
| Chile | nil | yes | | no |
| China | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Cuba | nil | nil | | no |
| Cyprus | nil | yes | | no |
| Czech Republic | yes | nil | | yes |
| Denmark | nil | yes | | yes |
| Dominican Republic | | | | yes |

| State | Data on exports | Data on imports | Explanation submitted in note verbale | Background information |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ecuador | nil | nil | | no |
| Estonia | nil | nil | | no |
| Ethiopia | nil | | | no |
| Finland | yes | yes | | no |
| France | yes | yes | | yes |
| Georgia | nil | nil | | no |
| Germany | yes | nil | | yes |
| Greece | yes | yes | | yes |
| Grenada | nil | nil | | no |
| Guatemala | nil | nil | | no |
| Guyana | nil | nil | | no |
| Honduras | nil | nil | | no |
| Hungary | nil | yes | | no |
| Iceland | nil | nil | | no |
| India | nil | yes | | no |
| Indonesia | | yes | | no |
| Ireland | nil | nil | | yes |
| Israel | yes | yes | | yes |
| Italy | yes | yes | | yes |
| Japan | nil | yes | | yes |

| State | Data on exports | Data on imports | Explanation submitted in note verbale | Background information |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Kazakhstan | yes | nil | | no |
| Latvia | nil | nil | | no |
| Liechtenstein | nil | nil | | no |
| Lithuania | nil | nil | | no |
| Luxembourg | nil | nil | | yes |
| Madagascar | nil | nil | | no |
| Malaysia | nil | yes | | no |
| Maldives | nil | nil | | no |
| Malta | nil | nil | | no |
| Marshall Islands | nil | nil | | no |
| Mauritius | nil | nil | | no |
| Mexico | nil | yes | | yes |
| Monaco | nil | nil | | no |
| Mongolia | nil | nil | | no |
| Namibia | nil | nil | | no |
| Netherlands | yes | nil | | yes |
| New Zealand | nil | nil | | yes |
| Norway | nil | yes | | no |
| Pakistan | | yes | | no |
| Paraguay | nil | nil | | no |

| State | Data on exports | Data on imports | Explanation submitted in note verbale | Background information |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Peru | nil | yes | | no |
| Poland | nil | yes | | yes |
| Portugal | nil | yes | | yes |
| Republic of Korea | nil | yes | | no |
| Romania | yes | yes | | no |
| Russian Federation | yes | nil | | no |
| Samoa | nil | nil | | no |
| Seychelles | nil | nil | | no |
| Singapore | yes | yes | | no |
| Slovakia | yes | yes | | yes |
| Slovenia | nil | yes | | no |
| South Africa | yes | nil | | no |
| Spain | nil | yes | | yes |
| Sweden | yes | yes | | yes |
| Switzerland | yes | yes | | yes |
| Thailand | | yes | | no |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | nil | nil | | yes |
| Trinidad and Tobago | nil | nil | | no |
| Turkey | nil | nil | | yes |
| Turkmenistan | yes | | | no |

| State | Data on exports | Data on imports | Explanation submitted in note verbale | Background information |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ukraine | yes | | | no |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | yes | yes | | yes |
| United Republic of Tanzania | nil | nil | | no |
| United States of America | yes | yes | | yes |
| Viet Nam | nil | nil | | no |

B. Replies received from Governments

ARGENTINA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Argentina**

Original language: Spanish

Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 31 July 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Austria | 6 | | |
| V. Attack helicopters | France | 4 | | |

| Remarks | |
|--|---|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| STEYR SK105 light tank, 105mm gun, 17 tons | Direct contract with STEYR |
| AS-555-SN Fennec with over-the-horizon targeting | Arrival in Argentina: 9 January 1996 aboard ship <u>Sebastiano Caboto</u> . Entered active service 2 July 1996. |

AUSTRALIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Australia**

Original language: English
 Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 31 July 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | (1)Canada | 15 | Canada | |
| | (2)United States of America | 1 | Canada | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|---|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| LAV 25s | (1)Transfer of title only (2)Originally on loan - subsequently purchased |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Australia**

Original language: English
 Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 31 July 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Canada | 44 | N/A | N/A |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 15 | N/A | N/A |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| ASLAV variants | Defined as arrival in Australia |
| Standard missiles | Defined as arrival of equipment in importer's territory. |

Note: Differences in accounting procedures and definition of transfer dates may create discrepancies with figures from exporter States.

When reporting transfers the following criteria were used:

- Departure of equipment from the exporter's territory
- Arrival of equipment in the importer's territory
- Transfer of title

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AUSTRIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Austria**

Original language: English
Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
Date of submission: 6 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Tunisia | 26 | United States of America | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| M 30 | see background information |

Background information related to Austrian exports:

Tunisia bought 26 pieces of M 30 which are still in military storage in Austria. It is expected that they will be delivered in 1997.

BELARUS

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Belarus**

Original language: **Russian**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **21 August 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Sudan | 9 | Russian Federation | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Peru | 8 | Russian Federation | |
| V. Attack helicopters | Sudan | 6 | Russian Federation | |

| Remarks | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| T-55 | Departure of equipment from the exporter's territory |
| MIG-29 | |
| Mi-24B | |

BELGIUM

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Belgium**

Original language: **French**

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **9 June 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Mexico | 136 | | | AMX 13 | |

BRAZIL

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Brazil**

Original language: English
 Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 2 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| I. Battle tanks | Belgium | 87 | Germany | | CC Leopard 1A1 | Delivery of items will occur in 1997 |
| | United States of America | 91 | | | CC M60A3 TTS | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 18 | | | 105 mm howitzer "light gun" | |
| V. Attack helicopters | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 1 | | | LYNX MK21-A ("Super Lynx") | |
| | United States of America | 6 | | | SH-3B | |
| VI. Warships | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 2 | | | Type 22 frigates | Equipped with missile launchers type EXOCET MM36 |

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Brunei Darussalam**

Original language: English
 Background information: no

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 25 November 1996

| A | B | C | D | E | REMARKS | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | France | 26 | | | Renault VAB | |
| VI. Warships | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 3 | | | Offshore patrol vessel | First delivery expected in 2000 |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | France | 20 | | | Exocet MM 38 | |

BULGARIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Bulgaria**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 22 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Russian Federation | 100 | | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Russian Federation | 100 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| T-72 | |
| BMP-1 | |

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CANADA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Canada**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **30 April 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Saudi Arabia | 188 | | | Light armoured vehicles (8x8) | |
| | Australia | 24 | | | Light armoured vehicles (8x8) | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Botswana | 3 | | | F-5 aircraft and parts | |
| VI. Warships | India | 1 | | | St. Laurent class destroyer escort | Sold as scrap. All military and other equipment removed before transfer. |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Canada** (cont'd)

Original language: English
 Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | France | 8* | | | LGI Mk II | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 21 | | | SM 2 AAW weapons | |

* Out of a total order of 28, 8 were delivered in 1996. The remaining 20 are to be delivered between 1997 and 1999.

CHILE

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Chile**

Original language: **Spanish**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **20 May 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Italy | 128 | United States of America | Italy-Chile Famae |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | France | 11 | | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Spain Belgium Chile | 10 | | |
| V. Attack helicopters | United States of America | 10 | | |

| Remarks | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| M-113-A2 | In the process of acquisition. Not received yet. |
| AMX-30 | In the process of acquisition. Not received yet. |
| 3 C-212 5 MIR M5M 2 A-36 | |
| 4 Super Puma 6 MD-530-F | |

CHINA

[Original: English]
[11 August 1997]

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations takes note with regret that the United States has included its arms transfers to Taiwan, a province of the People's Republic of China, in the footnote of its annual reports provided to the Register for the calendar year 1995 and 1996 and reaffirms China's position on the issue as follows. The United Nations Register of Conventional Arms is the register of legitimate transfers of certain categories of conventional arms between sovereign States. Taiwan is a province of the People's Republic of China, not a sovereign State. The arms transfers from the United States to Taiwan are neither legitimate nor transfers between sovereign States. The People's Republic of China does not accept any reference in whatever form to the arms transfers to Taiwan in the Register.

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations hopes that the Secretary-General of the United Nations will take appropriate steps to delete the above-mentioned reference from his report on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and to make sure that no reference whatsoever to the arms transfers to Taiwan appear in future reports on the Register, in order to safeguard the authority of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the seriousness of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **China**

Original language: Chinese

Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 11 August 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Pakistan | 3 | | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Bangladesh | 18 | | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 5 | | |
| VI. Warships | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 5 | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 102 | | |
| | Pakistan | 4 | | |

| Remarks | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| | |
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| | |
| Ship-based missile launchers | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **China**

Original language: Chinese

Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 11 August 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Russian Federation | 22 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| SU-27 | |

CYPRUS

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Cyprus**

Original language: English

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 24 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Russian Federation | 27 | | |
| | Greece | 15 | France | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Russian Federation | 25 | | |
| | Greece | 26 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| T-80U | |
| AMX-30 | Reconditioned |
| BMP-3 | |
| Leonidas | |

CZECH REPUBLIC

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Czech Republic**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **9 April 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| I. Battle tanks | Sri Lanka | 15 | | | T-55 | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Uruguay | 10 | | | ICV BVP-1 | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Uruguay | 2 | | | Rocket launcher RM-70 | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Tunisia | 6 | | | Advanced jet trainer L-59 | |
| | Poland | 4 | | | MIG-29 | |
| | Thailand | 2 | | | Advanced jet trainer L-39 | |

Note: Report of transfers is based on departure of equipment from the exporter's territory.

DENMARK

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Denmark**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 23 June 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Norway | 25 | United States of America | Denmark |

| Remarks | |
|--|---|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| MIM-23 Hawk surface-to-air missile | |

FINLAND

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Finland**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **23 April 1997**

| A Category (I-VII) | B Final importer State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|---------------------|--|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Norway | 10 | | Bosnia and Herzegovina | SISU XA-185 | For United Nations/ Stabilization Force (SFOR) use |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Finland**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **23 April 1997**

| A Category (I-VII) | B Exporter State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 2 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Bosnia and Herzegovina | CAV 100 light armoured Land Rover Defender | For use on Implementation Force (IFOR)/SFOR duties |
| IV. Combat aircraft | United States of America | 3 | | | F-18 D Hornet | |
| | | 6 | | | F-18 C Hornet | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Russian Federation | 3 | | | SA-11 (Gadfly) | All systems |

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FRANCE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **France**

Original language: **French**

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **20 May 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | United Arab Emirates | 58 | | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Canada | 11 | | |
| | Indonesia | 20 | | |
| | Thailand | 24 | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Ecuador | 4 | | |
| | Greece | 2 | | |
| | Malaysia | 16 | | |
| | Qatar | 1 | | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |

| Remarks | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Tank Leclerc | |
| Canon 105 LG1 | |
| Canon 105 LG1 | |
| Canon 105 LG1 | |
| Exocet | |
| Air-air | |
| Exocet | |
| ITL 70 | Via shipyard |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **France** (cont'd)

Original language: French

Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 20 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 8 | | | Exocet | For refurbishment in France by manufacturer before shipping to final destination (Chile) |
| | United States of America* | | | | | |

* Correction to the 1995 Register: Category VII - import to France - 30; exporter State - United States of America.

Comments: Equipment produced on a cooperative basis is declared under "procurement through national production". When reporting transfers the following criteria were used:

Exports

- Departure of equipment from the exporter's territory
- Transfer of title

Imports

- Arrival of equipment in the importer's territory
- Transfer of title

GERMANY

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Germany**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 29 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----|---|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| I. Battle tanks | Sweden | 1 | | | Leopard 2 | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Sweden | 76 | | | MT-LB | |
| | | 76 | | | MTP-LB | |
| | | 12 | | | BMP-1 | |
| V. Attack helicopters | Poland | 18 | | | MI-24 | |
| VI. Warships | Indonesia | 4 | | | Coastal patrol boats | Partially demilitarized |

Notes:

Germany regards the departure of equipment from the exporter's territory as the appropriate criterion for recording arms transfers.

Equipment purchased from programmes in which Germany is a collaborative partner is declared as procurement from national production. This applies principally to ammunition for the multiple-launch rocket system as part of a multinational co-production programme in which Germany participates.

Germany continues to record only transfers of complete equipment, as defined in the seven categories, and not to include transfers of the following items:

- (a) Items that have been demilitarized;
- (b) Items transferred for destruction or disposal (especially scrapping);
- (c) Items serving as museum exhibits.

GREECE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Greece**

Original language: English

Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Cyprus | 15 | France | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Cyprus | 26 | Greece | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Netherlands | 1 | United States of America | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|---|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| AMX-30 | |
| Leonidas | |
| F-102 | Decommissioned item exported on 13 March 1996 |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Greece**

Original language: English

Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| VI. Warships | | 1 | Greece | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Norway | 10 | Norway | |

| Remarks | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| 1 Frigate with SAM and helicopter | National production |
| Penguin | Purchase |

HUNGARY

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Hungary**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **22 August 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Belarus | 100 | | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Russian Federation | 119 | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Russian Federation | 500 missiles | | |
| | | 20 missile launchers | | |

| Remarks | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| T-72 M1 | |
| BTR-80 | |
| METISZ anti- tank missile | |

INDIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: India

Original language: English

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Russian Federation | 1 | Russian Federation | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Russian Federation | 12 | Russian Federation | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
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| | |

INDONESIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Indonesia**

Original language: English

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 16 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | 9 Scorpions and 7 armoured personnel carriers | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 17 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | 7 units Hawk MK100 and 10 units Hawk MK200 | |
| VI. Warships | Germany | 4 | Former German Democratic Republic | | Parchim | |

ISRAEL

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Israel**

Original language: English

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 7 May 1997

| A Category (I-VII) | B Final importer State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Slovenia | 56 | Israel | | 120mm | |
| | | 10 | | | 155mm | |
| | United States of America | 12 | | | 120mm | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Ecuador | 4 | Israel | | "KFIR" (C-2) | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Israel**

Original language: English

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 7 May 1997

| A Category (I-VII) | B Exporter State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | United States of America | 6 | | | MLRS (M203) | |
| V. Attack helicopters | United States of America | 14 | | | "Cobra" | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 15 | | | Harpoon | |

ITALY

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Italy**

Original language: English
 Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 29 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Republic of Korea | 1 | | | Naval gun 127/54 | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Italy**

Original language: English
 Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 29 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| IV. Combat aircraft | United States of America | 3 | | | AV8 | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 200 | | | AGM-88B HARM (air-to-surface missiles) | |

JAPAN

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Japan**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 28 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| VII. Missile and missile launchers | United States of America | 70 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| | |

The following criterion was used: arrival of equipment in the importer's territory.

KAZAKHSTAN

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Kazakhstan**

Original language: Russian

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: no

Date of submission: 25 July 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | United Arab Emirates | 2 | Russian Federation | |

| Remarks | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Export models | |

MALAYSIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Malaysia**

Original language: English

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 15 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Switzerland | 8 | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | France | 20 | | |

| Remarks | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| 35 mm artillery gun | Procurement through contract |
| Exocet MM40 block 2 missile | Procurement through contract |

MEXICO

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Mexico**

Original language: Spanish
 Background information provided: yes

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 1 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Belgium | 5 | France | | AMX-13 (heavy) ^a | Used |
| V. Attack helicopters | United States of America | 20 | United States of America | | Helis.UH-1H | Used |
| | | 18 | b | | Helis. BELL 208 | Used |

^a The actual delivery of the vehicles took place in 1996. However, the weapons were purchased with funds from fiscal year 1995. The import of the vehicles was therefore indicated in the report relating to 1995.

^b To be utilized by the Procuraduría General de la República.

NETHERLANDS

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Netherlands**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 29 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Egypt | 590 | United States of America | | 310 YPR-765 (25mm) 70 YPR-765 210 YPR-765 (TOW ATGM launcher) | |
| | Bahrain | 25 | United States of America | | 25 YPR-765 (25mm) | |

Note: The Netherlands would like to inform the Secretary-General that in conformity with paragraph 13 of the report of the Panel of Governmental Technical Experts on the Register of Conventional Arms (A/47/342), the criterion for "arms transfers" is the moment in time of "the transfer of title to and control over equipment".

NORWAY

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Norway**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **30 May 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Sweden | 4 | Sweden | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 98 | United States of America | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| CV 9030N | |
| AIM/120B AMRAAM | |

PAKISTAN

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Pakistan**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: no

Date of submission: 29 July 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | China | 3 | | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | United States of America | 24 | | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | United States of America | 3 | | |
| VI. Warships | France | 1 | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 28 498 | | |
| | China | 4 | | |

| Remarks | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Tank T-85IIAP | |
| M198, 155mm Howitzer | See note below |
| P3C Orion aircraft | See note below |
| Minehunter | |
| Harpoon | See note below |
| AIM9-L | |
| Missile launchers ^a | |

^a For use by the Pakistan navy.

Note: The equipment was contracted in 1989/90 but the shipment was delayed owing to the Pressier amendment.

PERU

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Peru**

Original language: Spanish

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: no

Date of submission: 25 April 1997

| A Category (I-VII) | B Exporter State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|---|--|-------------------------|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Germany | 37 | Germany | | Troop carrier | Renovation- 1995 |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Bulgaria | 236 | Bulgaria | | IGLA missile | Replacement 1995/96 |
| | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 28 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | JAVELIN missile | Renovation |
| | France | 4 | France | | MAGIC II missile | Replacement- 1995 |

POLAND

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Poland**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **30 April 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| V. Attack helicopters | Germany | 18 | Russian Federation | |

| Remarks | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Mi-24 | |

PORTUGAL

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Portugal**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 29 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | United States of America ^a | 1 | United States of America | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | United States of America | 10 | United States of America | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| M60 | CFE Treaty/ Cascading |
| M577 | SRA |

^a Was located in Gernersheim, Germany. At present is located in Luxembourg (NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency development and research programme).

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Republic of Korea**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **22 July 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Russian Federation | 6 | | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Russian Federation | 10 | | |

| Remarks | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| T-80U | |
| BMP-3 | |

ROMANIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Romania**

Original language: English

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 24 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Cameroon | 20 | | | Rocket launcher cal. 122 mm "GRAD" | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 53 | | | | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Romania**

Original language: English

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 24 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Russian Federation | 2 | | | MIG-23 UB | |

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

EXPORTS

Reporting country: Russian Federation

Original language: Russian

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 14 July 1997

| A Category (I-VII) | B Final importer State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| I. Battle tanks | Bulgaria | 100 | | | | |
| | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 2 | | | | |
| | Republic of Korea | 33 | | | | |
| | Cyprus | 27 | | | | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Bulgaria | 100 | | | | |
| | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 2 | | | | |
| | Republic of Korea | 23 | | | | |
| | United Arab Emirates | 25 | | | | |
| | Hungary | 119 | | | | |
| | Cyprus | 25 | | | | |
| | Kuwait | 27 | | | | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Kuwait | 18 | | | | |
| | India | 1 | | | | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | China | 22 | | | | |
| | Romania | 2 | | | | |
| | Slovakia | 1 | | | | |
| V. Attack helicopters | Eritrea | 4 | | | | |
| VI. Warships | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 1 | | | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | India | 12 | | | | |

SINGAPORE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Singapore**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: no

Date of submission: 27 June 1997

| A Category (I-VII) | B Final importer State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Papua New Guinea | 3 | | | 120 mm standard mortar | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Singapore**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: no

Date of submission: 27 June 1997

| A Category (I-VII) | B Exporter State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| VI. Warships | Sweden | 1 | | | Decommissioned Sjöormen submarine | |

SLOVAKIA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Slovakia**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 12 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Germany | 6 | | |
| | Algeria | 6 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| OT 810-R2 | demilitarized |
| BVP-2K | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Slovakia**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 12 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Russian Federation | 7 | | |
| | | 1 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| MIG29 | |
| MIG29 UB | |

SLOVENIA

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Slovenia**

Original language: English
 Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996
 Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Israel | 18 | | |
| VI. Warships | Israel | 1 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| M845 | |
| Super Dvora | |

SOUTH AFRICA

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **South Africa**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: no

Date of submission: 18 June 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Canada | 1 | | |
| | NATO | 2 | | |
| | United States of America | 5 | | |
| | Colombia | 4 | | |
| | Rwanda | 6 | | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Oman | 18 | | |

| Remarks | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Mamba MK2 (Unimog 416) | |
| RG-31 Nyala | |
| RG-31 Nyala | |
| RG-31 Nyala | |
| RG-31 Nyala | |
| G6. (155 mm) | |

SPAIN

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Spain**

Original language: **Spanish**

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **30 April 1997**

| A Category (I-VII) | B Exporter State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|---|--|-------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 18 ^a | | | 105 mm L-118 gun and conversion to L-119 | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | United States of America | 5 | | | AV-8B Harrier II Plus | |
| | | 6 | | | EF-18 | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | United States of America | 3 | | | Harpoon missile | |
| | | 4 | | | Maverick missile | |
| | | 12 | | | Sparrow LAU 116A missile launcher | |

^a The United Kingdom exported to Spain the components of a total of 23 guns in 1996, but only 18 were received that year.

SWEDEN

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Sweden**

Original language: English

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 9 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Norway | 4 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| CV 9030 model | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Sweden**

Original language: English

Background information provided: **yes**

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 9 May 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Germany | 1 | Germany | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Germany | 164 | Former Warsaw pact country | |

| Remarks | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Leopard 2 | |
| MT-LB 76 each MTP-LB 76 each BMP1 12 each | |

SWITZERLAND

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Switzerland**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Denmark | 10 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| MOWAG Eagle 4x4 (armoured reconnaissance vehicle) | |

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Switzerland**

Original language: English/French

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 30 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| IV. Combat aircraft | United States of America | 2+14 | United States of America | |

| Remarks | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| 2 assembled F/A-18 fly-away 14 F/A-18 for assembly commercial charter | |

THAILAND

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **Thailand**

Original language: **English**

Background information provided: **no**

Calendar year: **1996**

Date of submission: **22 April 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of Items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | United States of America | 24 | | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Germany | 12 | | |
| | | 18 | | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | France | 24 | | |
| | Austria | 18 | | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | United States of America | 6 | | |
| | Thailand | 1 | United States of America | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Tank M60A3 | |
| V-150 | |
| Condor | |
| Howitzer 105mm | |
| GHN-45 A1 155 mm | |
| A-7 | |
| F-5E # 76-1668 | Repair overhaul |

TURKMENISTAN

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Turkmenistan**

Original language: **Russian**

Calendar year: **1996**

Background information provided: **no**

Date of submission: **26 June 1997**

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|---|--------------------|-----|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| I. Battle tanks | Russian Federation | 530 | the former USSR | - | T-72 | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Russian Federation | 543 | the former USSR | - | BTR-60, 70, 80 | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Russian Federation | 54 | the former USSR | - | RS30 9P140 | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Russian Federation | 134 | the former USSR | - | MIG-29; MIG-23M; SU-17M3; SU-25 | |
| V. Attack helicopters | Russian Federation | 10 | the former USSR | - | MI-24P | |

UKRAINE

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **Ukraine**

Original language: English

Background information provided: no

Calendar year: 1996

Date of submission: 3 July 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Sudan | 6 | | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Viet Nam | 6 | | |
| V. Attack helicopters | Angola | 2 | | |
| | Sri Lanka | 2 | | |
| | | 1 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| BMP-2 | |
| MIG-21UM | For training |
| Mi-24B | |
| Mi-24B | |
| Mi-24P | For interference of communications |

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 29 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| I. Battle tanks | Oman | 6 | | | Challenger 2 | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Botswana | 10 | | | Scorpion | |
| | Finland | 2 | | Bosnia and Herzegovina | CAV100 light armoured LR Defender | For use on IFOR duties |
| | | 9 | | | | |
| | Indonesia | 7 | | | Scorpion | |
| | | 116 | | | Armoured personnel carriers | |
| | Kuwait | 116 | | | Warrior | |
| | Oman | 1 | | | Challenger armoured repair and recovery vehicle | |
| | | 50 | | | Piranha | |
| | Papua New Guinea | 2 | | | Land Rover Defender (cash in transit) | |
| | | 1 | | Malaysia | CAV100 protected armoured vehicle | |
| United States of America | 1 | | | Alvis and mine clearance vehicle | | |

EXPORTS (cont'd)

Reporting country: **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (cont'd)**

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Botswana | 12 | | | 105mm light gun (L118) | |
| | Brazil | 18 | | | 105mm light gun (L118) | |
| | Spain | 23 | | | 105mm light gun (L118) | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Indonesia | 7 | | | Hawk Mk109 | |
| | | 10 | | | Hawk Mk209 | |
| | Saudi Arabia | 6 | | | Tornado IDS | |
| V. Attack helicopters | Brazil | 1 | | | Super Lynx Mk21A | |
| VI. Warships | Brazil | 2 | | | Type 22 frigates (Brazen, Brilliant) | Second-hand |
| | Oman | 1 | | | 83m Corvette | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Chile | 8 | France | France | | Second-hand exported to France for refurbishment |
| | Saudi Arabia | 48 | | | | |
| | United Arab Emirates | 168 | | | | |

Note: The United Kingdom defines a transfer as when the importing State has title to and control over the equipment.

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (cont'd)**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 29 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | France | 1 | | |
| | United States of America | 110 | | |

| Remarks | |
|---------------------|--|
| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| | For re-export as part of category VI item to Qatar |
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Note: Equipment purchased from programmes in which the United Kingdom is a collaborative partner is declared as "procurement from national production".

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

It is possible that there will be discrepancies in the numbers of transferred arms as reported by exporting and importing States owing to differences in recorded dates of transfer and in what each country determines to constitute a reportable transfer.

The United States considers that its transfers of military equipment occur at the time ownership title for the equipment is transferred between the United States and another country. The 1997 submission therefore includes equipment whose title was transferred during the 1996 calendar year.

EXPORTS

Reporting country: **United States of America**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 28 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | | |
| I. Battle tanks | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 45 | | | | |
| | Egypt | 60 | | | | |
| | Jordan | 50 | | | | |
| | Kuwait | 174 | | | | |
| | Saudi Arabia | 124 | | | | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | Bahrain | 100 | | | | |
| | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 80 | | | | |
| | Egypt | 72 | | | | |
| | Israel | 1 | | | | |
| | Lebanon | 108 | | | | |
| | Norway | 63 | | | | |
| | Saudi Arabia | 340 | | | | |
| | Thailand | 23 | | | | |
| Turkey | 25 | | | | | |

EXPORTS (cont'd)

Reporting country: **United States of America (cont'd)**

| A | B | C | D | E | Remarks | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| Category (I-VII) | Final importer State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) | | |
| III. Large calibre artillery systems | Australia | 1 | | | | |
| | Japan | 9 | | | | |
| | Pakistan | 24 | | | | |
| | Republic of Korea | 90 | | | | |
| IV. Combat aircraft | Argentina | 4 | | | | |
| | Australia | 1 | | | | |
| | Finland | 7 | | | | |
| | Greece | 2 | | | | |
| | Italy | 3 | | | | |
| | Peru | 11 | | | | |
| | Saudi Arabia | 11 | | | | |
| | Spain | 6 | | | | |
| | Switzerland | 2 | | | | |
| | Thailand | 13 | | | | |
| | Turkey | 12 | | | | |
| V. Attack helicopters | Brazil | 6 | | | | |
| | United Arab Emirates | 10 | | | | |
| VI. Warships | Bahrain | 1 | | | | |
| | Egypt | 2 | | | | |
| | Thailand | 1 | | | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Australia | 70 | | | | |
| | Canada | 74 | | | | |
| | Egypt | 16 | | | | |
| | Japan | 288 | | | | |

EXPORTS (cont'd)

Reporting country: **United States of America (cont'd)**

| A Category (I-VII) | B Final importer State(s) | C Number of items | D State of origin (if not exporter) | E Intermediate location (if any) | Remarks | |
|---|--|-------------------------|---|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Republic of Korea | 53 | | | | |
| | Malaysia | 21 | | | | |
| | Norway | 70 | | | | |
| | Turkey | 35 | | | | |
| | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 110 | | | | |

Note: In addition, during the calendar year 1996 transfers to Taiwan took place as follows:

- I. Battle tanks 107
- IV. Combat aircraft 9
- V. Attack helicopters 8

IMPORTS

Reporting country: **United States of America (cont'd)**

Original language: English

Calendar year: 1996

Background information provided: yes

Date of submission: 28 April 1997

| A | B | C | D | E |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Category (I-VII) | Exporter State(s) | Number of items | State of origin (if not exporter) | Intermediate location (if any) |
| I. Battle tanks | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 | | |
| II. Armoured combat vehicles | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 1 | | |
| VII. Missiles and missile launchers | Israel | 10 | | |
| | Romania | 53 | | |

| Remarks | |
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| Description of item | Comments on the transfer |
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III. INDEX OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTS
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1996

| <u>State</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Language</u> |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| Argentina | Información sobre existencia de material bélico (diciembre 1996). | Spanish |
| Armenia | Conventional arms in the national armed forces. | English |
| Australia | Register of Conventional Arms - additional background material. | English |
| Austria | Background information related to Austrian exports. National holdings. Background information related to Austrian holdings. Procurement through national production. Background information related to national procurement. | English |
| Azerbaijan | Military holdings as of July 1997. | Russian |
| Belgium | Dotations globales de chars de bataille, de véhicules blindés de combat, de pièces d'artillerie, d'avions de combat, d'hélicoptères d'attaque, de navires de guerre et de missiles ou systèmes de missile (valables le 31 decembre 1996). | French |
| Brazil | Military holdings. Procurement through national production. Senado Federal. Projeto de lei da câmara No. 108 de 1995 [Law No. 9112 of 10 October 1995 regulating the export of sensitive goods and related services, including goods of military application (unofficial translation)]. | English Portuguese |
| Bulgaria | Available background information on military holdings and procurement through national production. Available background information on military holdings for export. | English |
| Canada | Equipment holdings - Canadian Armed Forces - as of 31 December 1996. Procurement through national production. | English |
| China | Arms transfers policy. | Chinese |
| Cook Islands | Military holdings ("nil" report). | English |
| Czech Republic | Military holdings. Valid as of 1 January 1997. Procurement from national production ("nil" report). | English |

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| <u>State</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Language</u> |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| Denmark | Procurement in 1996 through national production ("nil" report). Military holdings ultimo 1996. | English |
| Dominican Republic | Information regarding Protocol II of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons. | Spanish |
| France | Informations générales disponibles sur les dotations militaires, les achats liés à la production nationale et la politique en matière de dotation. | French |
| Germany | Military holdings. Procurement from national production in 1996. Policy and practice on exports of conventional weapons and related technology. | English |
| Greece | Military holdings and procurement from national production. | English |
| Ireland | National holdings. | English |
| Israel | Background information. | English |
| Italy | Reports of military holdings and procurement from national production of conventional arms (according to General Assembly resolution 46/36 L). Italian policies on armament material transfer. | English |
| Japan | Military holdings. Procurement through national production. Japan's policies on the control of arms exports and imports. | English |
| Luxembourg | Acquisitions de matériel militaire par la production nationale ("nil" report). Dispositions nationales concernant l'exportation de matériel militaire. Stocks de matériel militaire ("nil" report). | French |
| Mexico | Información general sobre existencias de material bélico. Información general sobre adquisición de material de producción nacional ("nil" report). | Spanish |
| Netherlands | Military holdings. Procurement through national production. | English |

| <u>State</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Language</u> |
|---|---|-----------------|
| New Zealand | Annual report to Parliament of the New Zealand Defence Force for the year ended 30 June 1996. | English |
| | Annual report to the Parliament of the New Zealand Ministry of Defence for the year ended 30 June 1996. | |
| | Holdings for the calendar year of 1996. | |
| | Procurement through national production ("nil" report). | |
| | Definition of "transfers". | |
| Poland | Military holdings as of 1 January 1997. | English |
| | Procurement through national production. | |
| Portugal | Military holdings. | English |
| | Procurement through national production ("nil" report). | |
| | Portuguese arms exports: relevant policies. | |
| Slovakia | Military holdings. | English |
| | Procurement from national production. | |
| Spain | Existencias de armas convencionales al 31 de diciembre de 1996. | Spanish |
| | Adquisición de material de producción nacional en el año 1996 ("nil" report). | |
| | Políticas pertinentes y procedimientos españoles sobre transacciones de material de defensa. | |
| Sweden | Military holdings as of 31 December 1996. | English |
| | Procurement from national production in 1996. | |
| | Annual exchange of military information pursuant to the Vienna Document 1994; valid as of 1 January 1997. | |
| | Swedish Arms Exports in 1996: a government report. | |
| Switzerland | Military holdings as of 1 January 1997. | English |
| | Procurement from national production. | |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Comments with regard to military holdings and national production. | English |

| <u>State</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Language</u> |
|--|--|-----------------|
| Turkey | The quantities of arms vehicles and equipment produced nationally. The quantity of arms vehicles and equipment. | English |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Military holdings. Procurement from national production. United Kingdom Defence. Equipment procurement, import and export policies. | English |
| United States of America | Available background information on military holdings and procurement through national production. Previous background information on legislation and national policies remains relevant. | English |

ANNEX

Views received from Governments

ISRAEL

[Original: English]

[7 May 1997]

1. The United Nations Register of Conventional Arms is becoming an important source of authoritative information covering a large volume of international trade in major conventional arms. It is the only intergovernmental United Nations mechanism that addresses the issue of conventional armaments on a global basis.

2. In Israel's view, the Register is part and product of a larger step-by-step building-block arms control process and approach which intends to contribute to a more comprehensive system of security among States, a system characterized by mutual trust, confidence and partnership.

3. However, the Register cannot achieve its objectives as long as participation in reporting to the Register remains unsatisfactory, with only about 70 States now consistently providing reports and certain regions almost entirely absent.

4. Of all countries in the Middle East region, for example, only Israel has submitted its replies to the Register on a continuous annual basis since 1993, while nine States have never replied.

5. It is therefore Israel's view that the Register still has to withstand the test of time, to attract much larger participation and to consolidate the existing categories before further development of the Register or major changes can be considered.

6. Israel, especially, believes that a favourable attitude on the part of many more States in the Middle East towards the Register is highly desirable and regrets that most Governments in the Middle East region have elected so far not to participate in the Register.

MAURITANIA*

[Original: Arabic/English]

[2 September 1997]

1. The States members of the League of Arab States fully support the cause of transparency in armaments as a means for enhancing international peace and security and believe that, in order to be successful, any transparency mechanism must be guided by certain basic principles: it must be balanced, comprehensive and non-discriminatory, and it must enhance the national, regional and international security of all States in conformity with international law.

2. The United Nations Register of Conventional Arms represents a long overdue first attempt by the international community at addressing the transparency issue on a global scale. Despite the fact that the Register's potential value as a global confidence-building measure and early warning mechanism cannot be questioned, it has encountered a number of problems. Most noticeably, approximately half of the States Members of the United Nations have consistently refrained from submitting data to the Register. Thus, the States members of the Arab League are of the view that it is necessary to address effectively the concerns of those States so as to ensure universal participation in the Register.

3. In this context, the States members of the Arab League are of the view that the scope of the Register must be expanded, particularly as the experience of the past years has shown that the Register, which is limited to seven categories of conventional arms, will not attract universal participation. Numerous States, including the members of the League, do not consider that the Register, given its present and limited scope, adequately meets their security needs. The future success of the Register is therefore contingent upon the willingness of the members of the international community to engage in more transparency and to build more confidence. In our view, and as envisaged in the Register's founding resolution (General Assembly resolution 46/36 L), an expanded Register including data on advanced conventional weapons, on weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons, and on high technology with military applications would represent a more balanced, more comprehensive and less discriminatory instrument attracting a larger number of regular participants.

4. The Middle East region represents a case in point, where the qualitative imbalance in terms of armaments is so striking and where transparency and confidence can only come about if approached in a balanced and comprehensive way. Applying transparency in the Middle East region to seven categories of conventional weapons, while ignoring more advanced, more sophisticated or more lethal armaments, such as weapons of mass destruction, is an approach that is neither balanced nor comprehensive. It will not lead to the desired results, particularly as the Register does not take into consideration the existing

* In its capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of September 1997, Mauritania submitted the consolidated reply of the States members of the League of Arab States.

situation in the Middle East, where Israel continues its occupation of the Arab territories and its possession of the most lethal weapons of mass destruction and continues to be the only State in the region that is not yet party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and persists in defying repeated calls by the international community to become party to the Treaty and to place all its unsafeguarded nuclear facilities under full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards.

NETHERLANDS*

[Original: English]

[29 April 1997]

1. All States have the inherent right to self-defence, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and consequently the right to acquire arms for their security, including from outside sources. However, the increased international attention to, and importance of, transparency of transfers and possession of conventional arms are justified by the fact that these conventional arms cause serious human suffering in international and internal conflicts and are not subject to legal regimes in many parts of the world.
2. The European Union remains convinced that transparency in armaments is an important factor in creating a climate of confidence between States, particularly at the regional level.
3. In the opinion of the European Union the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms is an important mechanism because it provides data on international arms transfers of those categories of conventional arms that are particularly suited to offensive purposes and surprise attacks and are therefore potentially destabilizing when accumulated excessively. In each of the four years of the existence of the Register, about 90 States, including all members of the European Union, submitted national declarations. Moreover, 134 States have reported at least once to the Register since its inception in 1992. Those declarations covered the bulk of the arms trade between States.
4. In order to enhance the effectiveness of the Register as a global confidence-building measure, every effort should be made to secure the widest possible participation. The European Union encourages all United Nations Member States to submit their national data to the Register in the coming years. In this respect, the European Union would like to emphasize that even "nil reports" are an important contribution to the success of the Register. Furthermore, the promotion of an increased and wider knowledge of the Register should be seen as an important means to strengthen public support for it.

* On behalf of the European Union and of the associated countries Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as of Norway and Iceland.

5. The European Union believes that the inclusion of data on military holdings and procurement through national production will render the Register more complete and useful. Therefore, the European Union invites United Nations Member States to submit such data. To maximize the accessibility of this information, the European Union suggests that such information be provided in the standardized form applicable to transfers.

6. In order to ensure that the Register responds to evolving security needs, it is important that its operation be regularly reviewed. The European Union therefore welcomes the current review of the continuing operation of the Register and its further development by the Secretary-General with the assistance of a group of governmental experts, in accordance with paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 51/45 H. The European Union expresses the hope that all States will contribute to the success of this review, which should result in a report to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

7. In conformity with the request embodied in General Assembly resolutions over the years concerning transparency in armaments, the Conference on Disarmament has devoted two sessions to discussing possible ways and means of enhancing transparency in armaments in its Ad Hoc Committee on transparency in armaments. Although the Conference on Disarmament has not yet reached agreement on specific measures of recommendations for enhancing transparency in armaments, a better understanding of these issues appears to have emerged. It is for this reason that the European Union attaches considerable importance to the resumption of the work in the Ad Hoc Committee.

8. The European Union would like to emphasize that transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction are, for various reasons, of a different nature than transparency measures related to conventional weapons. To enhance confidence and stability, transparency measures with regard to weapons of mass destruction should be an element in the arms control and disarmament process.

9. The European Union welcomes the entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention on 29 April 1997 and works actively towards its universal adherence. The objective of the European Union is full implementation of the bans on chemical weapons as well as on biological and toxin weapons. Transparency measures can be a step towards that goal. In this respect, reference can be made to the obligations contained in the Convention to declare stocks of chemical weapons and chemical weapon production facilities immediately after entry into force. In the framework of the Biological Weapons Convention the European Union supports the work under way in the ad hoc group on strengthening the convention. The European Union believes the addition of a legally binding verification protocol will increase transparency and strengthen confidence in compliance with the convention.

10. The European Union member States reaffirm, in conformity with article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, their commitment to pursue in good faith negotiations on effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. The agreement on a universal and effective verifiable Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty in the fall of 1996 was a

concrete step in the implementation of the Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament adopted on 11 May by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

[Original: English]

[16 May 1997]

The Republic of Macedonia is continually supporting all activities of the international community, and especially those of the United Nations for a greater transparency in production, stockpiling and trading of conventional arms. The United Nations Register of Conventional Arms contributes greatly to that end.
