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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Congo,  
Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany,  
Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Mauritania,  
Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Romania,  
Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Zaire:  
revised draft resolution

Confidence-building measures

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/91 B of 16 December 1978 requesting Member States to submit their views and experiences on confidence-building measures,

Noting with satisfaction that numerous Member States replied in response to that request and provided the Secretary-General with substantive information,

Recalling also its resolution 34/87 B of 11 December 1979, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to carry out a comprehensive study on confidence-building measures, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts appointed by him on an equitable geographic basis,

Expressing its concern about the deterioration of the international situation and the further escalation of the arms race which both reflects and aggravates the unsatisfactory international political climate, tension and mistrust,

Desirous of strengthening international security and, at the same time, creating and improving conditions conducive to further measures of disarmament,

Mindful of the fact that, while confidence-building measures cannot serve as a substitute for disarmament measures, they play a very significant role in achieving disarmament,

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Convinced of the usefulness of confidence-building measures freely arrived at by the States concerned and agreed upon, taking into account the particular conditions and requirements of the regions concerned,

Expressing its conviction of the need for the exchange of pertinent and timely information on military activities and other matters pertaining to mutual security, which will contribute to an improved climate of trust and confidence among States, and the conviction that agreement can be reached on measures to this end,

Noting with satisfaction the encouraging results of some confidence-building measures agreed upon and implemented in some regions,

1. Takes note of the comprehensive study on confidence-building measures prepared by the Secretary-General;
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and to the group of qualified governmental experts which assisted in the preparation of the study;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the reproduction of the study as a United Nations publication and to give it the widest possible distribution;
4. Recognizes that confidence reflects a set of interrelated factors of a military as well as of a non-military character and that a plurality of approaches is needed to overcome fear, apprehension and mistrust between States and to replace them by confidence;
5. Recommends that building on the experiences gained from the application and development of confidence-building measures further efforts should be made, both within and outside the United Nations, to widen their scope, so that account is also taken of non-military approaches;
6. Regards the concept of confidence-building measures as a useful approach in reducing and eventually eliminating potential causes for mistrust, misunderstanding, misinterpretation and miscalculation;
7. Believes that promotion of confidence-building measures where appropriate conditions exist will significantly contribute to facilitate the process of disarmament;
8. Invites all States to consider the possible introduction of confidence-building measures in their particular regions and, where possible, to negotiate on them in keeping with conditions and requirements prevailing in the respective region;
9. Decides to submit the study to its Second Special Session devoted to Disarmament, scheduled for 1982, for further considerations.