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**Maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent  
disintegration of States**

**Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina,  
Canada, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark,  
Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece,  
Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway,  
Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian  
Federation, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic  
of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland and United States of America: revised draft resolution**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 51/55 of 10 December 1996,

*Recalling* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Convinced* that the observance of the Charter and relevant treaties and other relevant principles and provisions of international law is essential for the strengthening of international peace and security,

*Considering* the emergence of new opportunities for building a peaceful world,

*Mindful* of the obligations of all States under the Charter, *inter alia*, to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State and to develop friendly relations among nations, and to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, including rights for persons belonging to ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities,

*Deeply concerned* that situations which may threaten international peace and security persist in spite of the efforts of the United Nations to put an end to them and to prevent such situations in the future,

*Convinced* of the necessity to enhance the overall conflict prevention and resolution capability of the United Nations system to prevent the outbreak of conflicts,

*Stressing* the importance of the activities of the international organizations, such as the Organization of African Unity, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Organization of American States, the Association of South-East Asian Nations, the Council of Europe, the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, with the aim of preventing the violent disintegration of States, of maintaining international peace and security and of promoting international cooperation for development,

*Considering* that the violent disintegration of States can pose a threat to international peace and security,

*Noting* that the vast majority of violent conflicts at present are conflicts within States,

*Affirming* the need for United Nations measures to help prevent the violent disintegration of States, thereby enhancing the maintenance of international peace and security and economic and social advancement of all peoples,

1. *Calls upon* all States, the relevant international organizations and competent organs of the United Nations to continue to undertake measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations as appropriate to eliminate threats to international peace and security and to help prevent conflicts which can lead to the violent disintegration of States;

2. *Stresses* the importance of good-neighbourliness and the development of friendly relations among States to the solution of problems among States, to prevent the violent disintegration of States and to promote international cooperation in accordance with the Charter;

3. *Calls upon* all States to solve their disputes with other States by peaceful means in accordance with the Charter;

4. *Affirms* the need for strict compliance with the principle of the inviolability of international borders;

5. *Affirms also* the need for strict compliance with the principle of the territorial integrity of any State;

6. *Stresses* the importance of regional efforts aimed to prevent bilateral conflicts endangering the maintenance of the international peace and security;

7. *Requests* all States and the relevant international organizations to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent disintegration of States;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session an item entitled “The maintenance of international security – prevention of the violent disintegration of States”.