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Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica,
Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras,
Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Sri Lanka, and
Uruguay: draft resolution

Conventional disarmament of a regional scale

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/94 A of 12 December 1985, 41/59 M of 3 December 1986, and 42/38 N of 30 November 1987,

Taking note of the Final Declaration of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Non-aligned Countries, held at Nicosia from 7 to 10 September 1988,

Reiterating that responsibility for halting and reversing the arms race rests primarily with the militarily significant States, especially the nuclear-weapon States,

Drawing attention to the need for nuclear disarmament measures to be accompanied by the resolute application of conventional disarmament measures, in the context of which conventional disarmament on a regional scale acquires urgency and renewed importance,

Affirming that regional or subregional arms limitation and disarmament processes which do not reduce the security of any of the States involved do not interfere with or prejudice global efforts, but rather supplement them, as is confirmed by the current international situation,

Expressing its firm support for all regional or subregional peace and disarmament endeavours that take into account the characteristics of each region, as well as unilateral measures directed to strengthening mutual confidence and to assuring the security of all States involved, making regional agreements on arms limitation possible in the future,

Noting with satisfaction the positive trend towards the peaceful settlement of various regional and subregional conflicts and the important role played therein by the United Nations,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the initiatives towards arms limitation and disarmament adopted jointly or unilaterally by some countries at the regional and subregional levels, as well as at the systematic implementation of confidence-building measures, the limitation of the acquisition of conventional weapons and the reduction in military spending, with a view to allocating the resources thus released to the socio-economic development of their peoples, which in turn might lead to regional agreements on limiting arms spending;

2. Expresses its keen satisfaction at efforts to bring about the peaceful solution of conflict situations and regional and subregional crises, with a view to setting in motion specific measures for conventional disarmament on a regional scale through agreements negotiated under strict and effective international control;

3. Again expresses its firmest support for the United Nations system, and for the Secretary-General in particular, in their efforts to find solutions to conflict situations, thereby reaffirming the primary role of the United Nations in promoting peace and disarmament;

4. Encourages the Secretary-General to persevere in his current peace efforts in various areas of tension in the world;

5. Requests the United Nations to provide assistance to States and regional institutions that might request it with a view to establishing measures aimed at conventional disarmament or a regional scale;

6. Appeals to other States, especially the main arms producers and suppliers, to facilitate progress towards regional disarmament, refraining from any action, including the threat or use of force, which might impede the achievement of that objective;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "Conventional disarmament on a regional scale".