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Conventional disarmament on 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 the primary responsibility of the militarily significant States, especially nuclear-weapon States, for halting and reversing the arms race, and the priority assigned to nuclear disarmament in the context of the advances towards general and complete disarmament,

Drawing attention to the fact that together with negotiations on nuclear disarmament measures, conventional disarmament measures should be resolutely pursued, 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 complement and enhance global disarmament efforts,

Expressing its firm support of all regional and subregional peace and disarmament endeavours that take into account the characteristics of each region,

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as well as unilateral measures to strengthen mutual confidence and assure the security of all States involved, making possible regional agreements on arms limitation in the future,

Emphasizing that the adoption of such disarmament measures should take place in an equitable and balanced manner in order to ensure the right of each State to security and that no individual State or group of States may obtain advantages over others at any stage of this process,

Noting with satisfaction the positive trend towards the peaceful settlement of various regional and subregional conflicts and of the important role played in that regard 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, limitation of the acquisition of conventional weapons and the reduction of military spending, with a view to allocating the resources thus released to the socio-economic development of their peoples;

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

3. Again expresses firm 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, and for the strict observance of the principles and norms embodied in the Charter of the United Nations;

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 disarmament measures on a regional scale;

6. Appeals to all other States to facilitate the progress of regional disarmament, refraining from any action, including the threat or use of force, which might impede the achievement of this objective;

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