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CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zaire: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/91 B on confidence-building measures,

Desiring to eliminate the sources of tension by peaceful means and thereby to contribute to the strengthening of peace and security in the world,

Stressing again the importance of the statement in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (S-10/2) that it is necessary, in order to facilitate the process of disarmament, to take measures and to pursue policies to strengthen international peace and security and to build confidence among States in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the need and urgency of first steps to diminish the danger of armed conflicts resulting from misunderstandings or from misinterpretations of military activities,

Reaffirming its conviction that commitment to confidence-building measures could contribute to strengthening the security of States,

Aware that there are situations peculiar to specific regions which have a bearing on the nature of confidence-building measures feasible in those regions,

Convinced that the United Nations, in accordance with its Charter, can play an important role in creating conditions which are conducive to the consideration of confidence-building measures,

Recognizing that a minimum of trust among States in a region would facilitate the development of confidence-building measures,

Taking note of the views and experiences of Member States submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with paragraph 2 of the aforementioned resolution,

1. Recommends that all States should continue to consider on a regional basis arrangements for specific confidence-building measures, taking into account the specific conditions and requirements of each region;

2. Decides to undertake a comprehensive study on confidence-building measures, taking into account the answers received by the Secretary-General as contained in document A/34/416;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out the study with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts appointed by him on a balanced geographical basis and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the work of the group of governmental experts to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

5. Invites States which have not yet done so to respond to the request of the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 33/91 B and to acquaint the group of experts with their views and experiences through the Secretary-General;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "Confidence-building measures".
