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Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Poland and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: revised draft resolution

Defensive security concepts and policiesThe General Assembly,

Recalling the principle that States shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the obligation to maintain international peace and security in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Secretary-General transmitting the study on the relationship between disarmament and international security 1/ and the study undertaken by the Group of Governmental Experts to Carry out a Comprehensive Study of Concepts of Security 2/ submitted to the General Assembly in 1981 and 1985, respectively,

1/ A/36/597. The study was subsequently issued with the title Relationship between Disarmament and International Security (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.IX.4).

2/ A/40/553, annex. The study was subsequently issued with the title Concepts of Security (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IX.1).

Recognizing that since then a number of important developments have taken place in the areas of disarmament and security concepts and that new opportunities have emerged for arms limitation and disarmament, for ending regional conflicts and for developing among States constructive and co-operative relations,

Noting the ongoing international dialogue on matters of security, including the renewed search for common security as well as for common denominators for the security requirements in different regions,

Convinced that in the nuclear age national policies of restraint and co-operative efforts are essential to eventually eliminate the risk of war and global destruction,

Stressing that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought,

Believing that security concepts and policies should be aimed at removing the danger of war and securing peace at progressively lower levels of armaments and armed forces, and welcoming activities by States to implement this goal by negotiated disarmament measures,

Bearing in mind the specific political and security requirements in different regions,

1. Considers the development of an international dialogue on defensive security concepts and policies to be of great importance for promoting the process of achieving disarmament and strengthening international security;
2. Invites Member States to initiate or intensify the dialogue on defensive security concepts and policies at the bilateral, regional or multilateral levels and to keep the General Assembly informed about the progress achieved;
3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the question "Defensive security concepts and policies".
