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Bangladesh, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic,
Ecuador, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan,
Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania and Uruguay:
revised draft resolution

Conventional disarmament on a regional scale

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/90 A of 12 December 1985, 41/59 M of
3 December 1986, 42/38 A of 30 November 1987 and 43/75 S of 7 December 1988,

Taking note of the Final Document of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or
Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989, 1/

Reiterating the primary responsibility of nuclear weapon States and militarily
significant States for halting and reversing the arms race, particularly the
nuclear-arms race,

Convinced that effective measures of nuclear disarmament and the prevention of
nuclear war have the highest priority,

Drawing attention to the fact that together with negotiations on nuclear
disarmament measures, negotiations should be carried out on the balanced reduction
of armed forces and of conventional disarmament, based on the principle of equal

1/ See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

and undiminished security of the parties with a view to promoting or enhancing stability at a lower level of military forces, taking into account the need of all States to protect their security,

Aware that as a consequence of the continuing military application of scientific and technological developments, conventional weapons have become more lethal and destructive,

Taking into account that conventional weapons consume large amounts of resources, especially in militarily significant States, which could be utilized for the social and economic development of the people of all countries, particularly the developing countries,

Affirming that regional and subregional disarmament processes that take into account the characteristics of each region as well as the views of all parties concerned, and are implemented in accordance with the principles and norms embodied in the Charter of the United Nations enhance and complement global disarmament efforts.

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. Welcomes the initiatives towards arms limitation and disarmament undertaken jointly or unilaterally by some countries at the regional and subregional levels, as well as the systematic implementation of confidence-building measures, limitations of the acquisition of conventional weapons and the reduction of military spending, with a view to achieving equal and undiminished security at a lower level of armaments as well as to allocating the resources thus released to the social and economic development of the people of all countries, particularly the developing countries;

2. Again expresses its 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 a fundamental 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;

3. Urges all States, particularly the nuclear-weapon States and militarily significant States, to intensify their efforts in the negotiation and implementation, in appropriate forums, of regional and subregional disarmament and arms limitation measures, taking into account their particular responsibility in this matter and the principle of equal and undiminished security for all parties and aimed at enhancing international peace and security;

4. Requests the United Nations, in conformity with its mandate to promote international peace and security, to provide assistance to States that might request it with a view to establishing disarmament measures at the regional and subregional levels;

5. Appeals to all States to facilitate the progress of regional disarmament, refraining from any action, including the use or threat of use of force against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, and intervention or interference in internal affairs of States, that might hinder the achievement of this objective;

6. Invites all Member States to convey to the Secretary-General their views on ways and means aimed at strengthening regional and subregional disarmament and arms limitation efforts, taking into account recent developments that have taken place in this sphere;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, taking into consideration the views expressed by Member States in accordance with paragraph 6 above;

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