Sixth session
First Committee
Agenda item 97
General and complete disarmament

United States: draft resolution

Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/66 of 22 November 2002 and other relevant resolutions on the question,

Recognizing the abiding concern of all Member States for maintaining respect for the rights and obligations arising from treaties to which they are parties and other sources of international law,

Convinced that observance by Member States of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and compliance with arms limitation, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements to which they are parties is essential for regional and global security and stability,

Stressing that failure by States parties to comply with such agreements not only adversely affects the security of States parties but can also create security risks for other States relying on the commitments and guarantees stipulated in those agreements,

Stressing also that the viability and effectiveness of existing arms limitation, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements require that those agreements and commitments be fully complied with and enforced,

Concerned by non-compliance with existing obligations,

Recognizing that compliance with arms limitation, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements contributes to efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their technologies and means of delivery and to deny non-State actors access to such capabilities,
1. Underlines the contribution that compliance with arms limitation, non-proliferation and disarmament obligations can make to enhancing confidence and strengthening security and stability;

2. Urges all States to implement and to comply fully with their obligations;

3. Calls upon all Member States to take concerted action to ensure that all States comply with their existing arms limitation, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements and to hold those not in compliance with such agreements accountable for their non-compliance;

4. Urges those States not currently in compliance with their obligations to make the strategic decision to come back into compliance;

5. Welcomes, in that context, the historic decision taken by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to come back into compliance with its non-proliferation obligations and commitments, and commends its approach to those States not currently in compliance with their obligations;

6. Endorses efforts by the United Nations, its organs and other international organizations to take action to prevent serious damage to international security and stability arising from non-compliance by States with their existing arms limitation, non-proliferation and disarmament obligations.