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Agenda item 97 (g)
General and complete disarmament: conventional arms
control at the regional and subregional levels

Bangladesh, Belarus, Egypt, Italy, Malaysia, Pakistan, Peru, Syrian Arab
Republic and Ukraine: draft resolution

Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/75 J of 16 December 1993, 49/75 O of
52/38 Q of 9 December 1997, 53/77 P of 4 December 1998, 54/54 M of 1 December
1999, 55/33 P of 20 November 2000, 56/24 I of 29 November 2001, 57/77 of
of 8 December 2005, 61/82 of 6 December 2006, 62/44 of 5 December 2007, 63/44
of 2 December 2008, 64/42 of 2 December 2009, 65/46 of 8 December 2010, 66/37
of 2 December 2011, 67/62 of 3 December 2012, 68/56 of 5 December 2013 and
69/47 of 2 December 2014,

Recognizing the crucial role of conventional arms control in promoting
regional and international peace and security,

Convinced that conventional arms control needs to be pursued primarily in the
regional and subregional contexts since most threats to peace and security in the
post-cold-war era arise mainly among States located in the same region or
subregion,

Aware that the preservation of a balance in the defence capabilities of States at
the lowest level of armaments would contribute to peace and stability and should be
a prime objective of conventional arms control,

Desirous of promoting agreements to strengthen regional peace and security at
the lowest possible level of armaments and military forces,

Noting with particular interest the initiatives taken in this regard in different
regions of the world, in particular the commencement of consultations among a
number of Latin American countries and the proposals for conventional arms
control made in the context of South Asia, and recognizing, in the context of this
subject, the relevance and value of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe,¹ which is a cornerstone of European security,

Believing that militarily significant States and States with larger military capabilities have a special responsibility in promoting such agreements for regional security,

Believing also that an important objective of conventional arms control in regions of tension should be to prevent the possibility of military attack launched by surprise and to avoid aggression,

1. Decides to give urgent consideration to the issues involved in conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

2. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to consider the formulation of principles that can serve as a framework for regional agreements on conventional arms control, and looks forward to a report of the Conference on this subject;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in the meantime, to seek the views of Member States on the subject and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels”.

¹ See CD/1064.