



# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA1/1/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION : Promotion of Multilateralism in the Area of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

SUBMITTED TO : The General Assembly

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*Noting with urgency* the persistence of conflict within many lesser developed regions,

*Recalling* Resolution 56/65 which highlights the relationship between disarmament and development,

*Recognizing* the importance of working towards diminishing supplies of illicit small arms and light weapons within zones of conflict,

*Recognizing also* the difficulty many states face in successfully controlling their borders,

*Noting* that efforts must be taken to strengthen control of the illicit transfer of small arms across borders,

*Recalling* efforts such as the UN Register for Conventional Weapons, which is one positive step in promoting transparency among states that legally acquire small arms and light weapons,

*Recognizing also* the need to increase transparency through the strengthening of existing mechanisms as well as the implementation of universal standards,

*Suggesting* the possibility of using incentives for increased transparency and control,

*Realizing* non-state actors are often primary recipients of illicit arms,

*Recalling* the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF. 192/15),

*Gravely concerned* about the illicit manufacture, transfer and circulation of small arms and light weapons and their excessive accumulation and uncontrolled spread in many regions of the world, which have had a wide range of humanitarian and socio-economic consequences,

*Recognizing* the close link between terrorism, organized crime, trafficking in drugs and precious minerals and the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons,

36           *Stressing* the urgent necessity of creating formal international treaties and agreements, both  
37 bilaterally and multilaterally to combat the illicit and uncontrolled trade in small arms and light  
38 weapons,  
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40           *Clarifying* that while the eventual goal is to create a peaceful world, at the moment the  
41 problem at hand is the illicit weapons trade among Non-State Actors,  
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43           *Welcoming* the efforts being undertaken at the global, regional, sub-regional, national and  
44 local levels to address the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, and desiring  
45 to build upon them,  
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47           *Noting* the integrity and effectiveness of all methods of diplomacy including bilateral,  
48 plurilateral, and multilateral,  
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50           1. *Requests* further development of communications among sovereign nations in order to  
51 become more alert to the trade of small arms;  
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53           2. *Encourages* the continued work of the Open-Ended Working Group to Negotiate an  
54 International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace Illicit Small Arms and Light  
55 Weapons (OEWG);  
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57           3. *Accepts* without reservation the recommendations of the Programme of Action to  
58 Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects  
59 (A/CONF. 192/15);  
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61           4. *Calls upon* the Secretariat to present a report of implementable protocols, such as national  
62 reports and national legislation on SALW, to the First Committee by the beginning of the Sixty-  
63 First Session of the United Nations General Assembly;  
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65           5. *Remains deeply devoted* to the promotion of international security through arms regulations  
66 and multilateral cooperation.

Final Vote: Adopted by Consensus with Argentina, Armenia, New Zealand, Cote d'Ivoire, Poland,  
Tajikistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Kazakhstan, Sweden, Democratic People's Republic of Korea,  
Gabon, and China Abstaining