



SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Conventional Arms Control at the Regional and Subregional Levels

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Albania, Argentina, Bolivia, China, Ecuador, Haiti, Russian Federation, Switzerland

The First Committee:

1 *Noting* that the illicit trade in arms is a global concern that necessitates the
2 support of all nations in order to effectively address this debilitating issue,
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4 *Further noting* current progress made by participating sovereign states in curbing
5 the illicit trade in arms and encourages further support regarding this vital issue,
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7 *Recalling* Draft Resolution of the First Committee A/c.1/55/L.11/Rev.2 which
8 called for the formation of the Department of Disarmament that serves as the centre for
9 all United Nations activities concerning conventional arms,
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11 *Reaffirming* Article 2 section 1 of the UN Charter that respects the rights of
12 national sovereignty, and the spirit of the UN Charter that fosters and promotes
13 multilateralism,
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15 *Noting with satisfaction* the work being done under the Program of Action to
16 Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All
17 its Aspects (A/CONF.192/15),
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19 *Applauds* the efforts of the Organization of American States Convention Against
20 the Illicit Manufacture of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and
21 other related materials (CIFTA 1997) that established congruent legislation concerning
22 illicit arms,
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24 *Fully aware* that combating the illicit arms trade positively effects the ability of
25 nations to ensure human rights to their citizens by increasing stability of affected nations
26 and regions, and decreasing the detrimental impact of non-military armed group members
27 on a society,
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29 *Recalling* resolution 60/61 that observes the relationship between disarmament
30 and development,

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32 *Fully aware of the devastating reality that conventional weapons have on the*
33 *growth of developing nations correlating with violence, domestic crime, militant rebel*
34 *groups, and the illicit trafficking of drugs.*
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37 1. *Encourages* the work of regional and sub-regional groups under the guidance of
38 the Department of Disarmament to combat the illicit trade of conventional weapons by
39 enacting the Legislative Acts & Works Plan (LAW Plan) through but not limited to:

40 a) regional and sub-regional agreements to formalize intra-regional
41 legislation concerning guidelines regarding the illicit arms trade within a region, inspired
42 by CIFTA;

43 b) Interregional dialogue to facilitate information sharing necessary to
44 combat regional specific problems

45 c) Open lines of communication between regional and subregional groups
46 and the Department of Disarmament in order to further international cooperation
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48 2. *Requests* that the Department of Disarmament submit regular reports to the
49 Security Council on issues of noncompliance;
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51 3. Recognizes the model that the Convention on Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)
52 sets forth to the Global Community in establishing confidence building measures through
53 transparency;
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55 4. *Encourages* Member States to cooperate with regional organizations, the UN
56 and other States to create regional transparency treaties that will:

57 a) provide a forum for voluntary reporting on the trade and transfer of
58 conventional weapons,

59 b) promote the sharing of best practices in the securing of borders,

60 c) encourage nations to cooperate with the United Nations Arms
61 Registrar and report more frequently

62 d) engage in a review process in order to assess the implementation of
63 the terms of the treaties and publicizes the assessment;
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65 5. *Recommends* all Member States, if they have not already done so, establish
66 national points of contact in accordance with A/CONF.192/15 to facilitate information
67 sharing;
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69 6. *Encourages* upon request of member states the creation of social programs to
70 further support the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of non-military armed
71 group members into society.
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73 7. *Affirms* the relationship between disarmament and development both for its
74 symbolic connection and the belief that support for economic and social development
75 rather than emphasizing military development would aid in the achievement of the
76 Millenium Development Goals.

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Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 37 / Abstain: 15

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