



SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Regional Disarmament

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Serbia, Mexico, France, Ireland, Argentina, Chad,
Turkey, and Kenya

The First Committee,

1 *Recalling* its resolutions 56/24 V of 24 December 2001, 57/72 of 22 November
2 2002, 58/241 of 23 December 2003, 59/86 of 3 December 2004, and 60/81 of 8
3 December 2005,

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5 *Reaffirming* the responsibility of all States to contribute to the stability and
6 prosperity of all regions and their commitment to respecting the purposes and principles
7 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the provisions of established International
8 Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States,

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10 *Reaffirming also* the importance of the United Nations in fostering peace and
11 security at the regional level by promoting a multilateral and initiative-oriented
12 cooperative dialogue among States within regional arrangements,

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14 *Viewing with appreciation* the creation of the OAS Tlatelolco Commitment of
15 2008 that outlined effective disarmament measures including a regional register on
16 conventional arms,

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18 *Noting* the significant debate on the topic in March 2003 at The United Nations
19 Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,
20 which represents a viable framework for addressing such important issues,

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22 *Noting also* that the establishment of incentives on a regional level has been
23 proven to help in disarmament,

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25 *Expressing its concern* that while transparency and the trafficking of arms, with
26 regards to the production, importation and exportation, is an important issue, it fails to
27 address the current presence of untraceable and illegally held small arms and
28 ammunitions,

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30 *Recognizing* that trafficking in small arms and light weapons has significantly
31 influenced the pervasiveness of terrorist activity and has contributed to the escalation of

32 violence world-wide, outfitting destabilizing regimes and threatening institutions of
33 peace,

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35 *Emphasizing* the need for regional organizations to promote the project of
36 transparency by aiding their Member States in the reporting process,

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38 *Firmly believing* that improving the capacity of regional organizations like the
39 Coordinating Action on Small Arms (CASA) to address the illicit transfer of
40 conventional weapons and ammunitions would significantly contribute to the project of
41 international peace and stability through increased transparency,

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43 1. *Requests* that the Department of Disarmament Affairs implement a permanent
44 mandate establishing the ability of the Coordinating Action on Small Arms (CASA) to
45 monitor and trace small arms and ammunitions transfers between states and between non-
46 state actors at the regional level;

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48 2. *Urges* all States to cooperate with CASA and other appropriate regional
49 organizations to create a regional registry, including but not limited to:

- 50 a) the origin of the item
51 b) the object of sale,
52 c) information about the buyer,
53 d) the expected user,
54 e) the mode of payment,
55 f) and the ultimate delivery date;

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57 3. *Recommends* that CASA prepare an annual report for the Secretary General on
58 regional registries, including significant arms transfers and stockpiles, in order to assist in
59 the reporting process through additional regional responsibility;

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61 4. *Requests* that the United Nations convene a Special Convention to develop a
62 standardized system for reporting information about military expenditures and arms
63 transfers to assist CASA in this project.

Passed, Yes: 71 / No: 10 / Abstain: 19