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## GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

### Conventional disarmament on a regional scale

#### Report of the Secretary-General

1. On 12 December 1985, the General Assembly adopted resolution 40/94 A, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Urges Governments, where the regional situation so permits and on the initiative of the States concerned, to consider and adopt appropriate measures at the regional level with a view to strengthening peace and security at a lower level of forces through the limitation and reduction of armed forces and conventional weapons, under strict and effective international control, taking into account the need of States to protect their security, bearing in mind the inherent right of self-defence enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and without prejudice to the principle of equal rights and of the self-determination of peoples, in conformity with the Charter, and taking into account the need to ensure balance in each phase and to avoid impairing the security of any State;

"2. Expresses its most firm support for recent unilateral measures, adopted by some Governments, which are intended to limit conventional armaments and reduce military expenditures and which contribute to the creation of an atmosphere favourable to the realization of conventional disarmament on a regional scale;

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"3. Endorses most emphatically the recent regional and subregional initiatives directed towards the conclusion of agreements to limit armaments and reduce military expenditures;

"4. Reaffirms the primary responsibility of the militarily significant States, especially the nuclear-weapon States, for halting and reversing the arms race, and the priority assigned to nuclear disarmament in the context of the advance towards general and complete disarmament;

"5. Requests all States to facilitate progress towards regional disarmament by strictly honouring their commitment to refrain from the threat or use of force and to contribute to the creation of an atmosphere favourable to the realization of conventional disarmament on a regional scale;

"6. Also urges countries which are suppliers of conventional weapons to co-operate with regional efforts;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to provide interested Governments, upon request, with such technical services and assistance as may be useful in measures of conventional disarmament on a regional scale and also requests him to submit a report on the situation with regard to this matter to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

"8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session an item entitled 'Conventional disarmament on a regional scale'."

2. As of this date, the Secretary-General has not been requested by any interested Government to provide technical services or assistance under paragraph 7 of resolution 40/94 A.

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