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CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTSReport of the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 43/67 of 7 December 1988, the General Assembly, having recalled with satisfaction the adoption, on 10 October 1980, of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, together with the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III); 1/ having reaffirmed its conviction that general agreement on the prohibition or restriction of use of specific conventional weapons would significantly reduce the suffering of civilian populations and of combatants and having taken note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-third session (A/43/589); noted with satisfaction that, consequent upon the fulfilment of the conditions set out in article 5 of the Convention, the Convention and the three Protocols annexed thereto entered into force on 2 December 1983; urged all States that had not yet done so to exert their best endeavours to become parties to the Convention and the Protocols annexed thereto as early as possible, so as ultimately to obtain universality of adherence; noted that, under article 8 of the Convention, conferences may be convened to consider amendments to the Convention or any of the annexed Protocols; and requested the Secretary-General as depositary of the Convention and its three annexed Protocols to inform the General Assembly from time to time of the state of adherence to the Convention and its Protocols,

2. Pursuant to the request of the General Assembly, the actions with respect to the Convention and the three Protocols for the period under review, that is, from 1 September 1988 to 31 August 1989, are indicated in the annex to the present report.

3. The Convention was signed by 53 countries and, as at 31 August 1989, 25 countries had ratified it, 2 had ~~accepted~~ it and 5 had acceded to it. Instruments for those actions were accompanied by acceptances of the Protocols annexed to the Convention.

Notes

1/ A/CONF.95/15 and Corr.2, annex I. For the printed text of the Convention and its Protocols, see The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, vol. 5: 1980 (United Nations publications, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII.

ANNEX

- A. Actions in **respect** of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its three Protocols during the period from 1 September 1988 to 31 August 1989

<u>State</u>	<u>Ratification, acceptance (A), approval (AA) or accession (a)</u>	<u>Acceptance pursuant to article 4, paragraphs 3 and 4</u> <u>Protocols</u>		
		<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>
Cyprus	12 December 1988 (a)	x	x	x
Benin	27 March 1989 (a)	x		x
Liechtenstein	16 August 1989	x	x	x

Declaration

The instrument of accession by the Government of Cyprus to the Convention contains the following declaration:

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"The Provisions of article 7, paragraph 3 (b), and article 8 of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) will be interpreted in such a way that neither the status of peace-keeping forces or missions of the United Nations in Cyprus will be affected nor will **additional** rights be, ipso iure, granted to them."
