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**Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Japan, Kazakhstan,
Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Republic of Korea and
Thailand: draft resolution**

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [42/39](#) D of 30 November 1987 and [44/117](#) F of 15 December 1989, by which it established the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and renamed it the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, with headquarters in Kathmandu,

Recalling also the mandate of the Regional Centre to provide, on request, substantive support for the initiatives and other activities mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asia-Pacific region for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, through appropriate utilization of available resources,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,¹ and expressing its appreciation to the Regional Centre for its important work in promoting dialogue and confidence-building measures through the organization of meetings, conferences and workshops in the region, including the twenty-third United Nations-Republic of Korea Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Issues and national and subregional workshops on awareness-raising and promoting the full and universal implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction² and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction³ and the implementation of the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition

¹ [A/80/129](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1015, No. 14860.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1974, No. 33757.



Management,⁴ as well as preparations for the open-ended working group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects,

Expressing its appreciation to the Regional Centre for its capacity-building training for States of Asia and the Pacific on fostering gender-responsive arms control, formulating national policies on small arms and light weapons control and promoting the responsible innovation and application of new technologies, its activities under the Saving Lives Entity initiative carried out jointly with the United Nations Development Programme, its activities to promote transparency and confidence-building measures among States in Asia and the Pacific, its initiatives to promote the voices of young people in the region on issues related to disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation and its activities to strengthen partnership with civil society organizations, universities and schools in the region on disarmament issues, the linkages between gender and peace and disarmament, and the nexus between disarmament and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,⁵

Expressing appreciation for the timely execution by Nepal of its host country commitments for the physical operation of the Regional Centre,

Welcoming the work by the Regional Centre in support of the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 16, in particular target 5.2 to eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls, target 5.5 to ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership and target 16.4 to significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows,

Welcoming also the efforts by the Regional Centre to promote the role and representation of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control activities,

Welcoming further the youth-focused outreach activities undertaken by the Regional Centre,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the activities carried out over the past year by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, and requests the Regional Centre to continue to take into account the proposals for activities submitted by the countries of the region for the implementation of the mandate of the Centre in the areas of peace, disarmament and development;

2. *Invites* all States of the region to continue to support the activities of the Regional Centre, including by continuing to take part in them, where possible, and by proposing items for inclusion in the programme of activities of the Centre, in order to contribute to the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Nepal for its cooperation and financial support, which has enabled the Regional Centre to operate from Kathmandu;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat for providing the necessary support with a view to ensuring the smooth operation of the Regional Centre and to enabling the Centre to function effectively;

5. *Appeals* to Member States, in particular those within the Asia-Pacific region, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make voluntary contributions, the only resources of the Regional Centre, to strengthen its programme of activities and the implementation thereof;

⁴ A/78/111, annex.

⁵ Resolution 70/1.

6. *Reaffirms its strong support* for the role of the Regional Centre in the promotion of activities of the United Nations at the regional level to strengthen peace, stability and security among its Member States;

7. *Encourages* the Regional Centre to further explore new programmes and activities on areas of international focus, such as new and emerging technologies, including outer space, information and communications technologies in the context of international peace and security and the military applications of artificial intelligence, in collaboration with Member States, United Nations entities and international and regional organizations;

8. *Underlines* the importance of the Kathmandu process for the development of the practice of region-wide security and disarmament dialogues;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-first session, under the item entitled “Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly”, the sub-item entitled “United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific”.
