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**General and complete disarmament:
transparency in armaments**

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[*on the report of the First Committee (A/80/534, para. 7)*]

80/28. Transparency in armaments

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/36 L of 9 December 1991, 47/52 L of 15 December 1992, 48/75 E of 16 December 1993, 49/75 C of 15 December 1994, 50/70 D of 12 December 1995, 51/45 H of 10 December 1996, 52/38 R of 9 December 1997, 53/77 V of 4 December 1998, 54/54 O of 1 December 1999, 55/33 U of 20 November 2000, 56/24 Q of 29 November 2001, 57/75 of 22 November 2002, 58/54 of 8 December 2003, 60/226 of 23 December 2005, 61/77 of 6 December 2006, 63/69 of 2 December 2008, 64/54 of 2 December 2009, 66/39 of 2 December 2011, 68/43 of 5 December 2013, 71/44 of 5 December 2016, 74/53 of 12 December 2019 and 77/69 of 7 December 2022, entitled “Transparency in armaments”,

Continuing to take the view that an enhanced level of transparency in armaments contributes greatly to confidence-building and security among States and that the establishment of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms constitutes an important step forward in the promotion of transparency in military matters,

Welcoming the consolidated reports of the Secretary-General on the Register, which include the returns of Member States for 2021,¹ 2022,² 2023³ and 2024,⁴

Welcoming also the 2025 report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development, prepared with the assistance of the 2024–2025 group of governmental experts,⁵ including the recommendation that those Member States in a position to do so continue to use the “Seven-Plus-One”

¹ A/77/165.

² A/78/165.

³ A/79/216.

⁴ A/80/226.

⁵ See A/80/121.



formula and the description provided by the 2022 Group⁶ to provide information on exports and imports of small arms and light weapons,⁷ as appropriate,

Welcoming further the response of Member States to the request contained in paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 46/36 L to provide data on their imports and exports of arms, as well as available background information regarding their military holdings, procurement through national production and relevant policies,

Recalling the entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty⁸ on 24 December 2014, and recalling also that the data and information reported by States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty on the export and import of eight categories of conventional arms included in their annual reports can also be submitted to the Register,

Welcoming the consensus report of the 2024–2025 group of governmental experts, half of whom were women, in which the group highlighted the continued importance of the Register as an instrument to support transparency, confidence-building and dialogue in military matters,

Welcoming also the increase in Register participation for the calendar years 2020–2024 compared with 2016–2019 and the efforts undertaken by the Secretariat in promoting the Register and implementing the recommendations of previous groups of governmental experts,

Recalling the recommendation by the 2024–2025 group of governmental experts that sufficient resources be made available by the United Nations to enable the Secretariat to implement its core tasks for the effective operation of the Register,

Stressing that the continuing operation of the Register and its further development should be reviewed in order to secure a Register that is capable of attracting the widest possible participation,

1. *Reaffirms its determination* to ensure the effective operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, as provided for in paragraphs 7 to 10 of resolution 46/36 L;

2. *Endorses* the report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development and the recommendations contained in the consensus report of the 2024–2025 group of governmental experts;⁹

3. *Emphasizes* that it is important for those Member States in a position to do so, using the “Seven-Plus-One” formula, to provide information on exports and imports of small arms and light weapons, and decides to adapt the scope of the Register in conformity with the recommendations contained in the 2025 report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Calls upon* Member States, with a view to achieving universal participation, to provide the Secretary-General, by 31 May annually, with the requested data and information for the Register, including nil reports and rolling nil returns if appropriate, using the online reporting tool, on the basis of resolutions 46/36 L and 47/52 L and the recommendations contained in the respective reports of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development;

5. *Calls upon* Member States in a position to do so to voluntarily provide information on procurement through national production and military holdings to the

⁶ A/77/126, para. 106.

⁷ A/80/121, para. 127 (b).

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3013, No. 52373.

⁹ See A/80/121.

Register in addition to information on imports and exports of conventional arms, using the online reporting tool or standardized reporting forms for reporting on procurement through national production and military holdings;

6. *Reaffirms* its decision to keep the scope of, participation in and use of the Register under review, with a view to considering its further development, and to that end requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts, to be convened for one week each at the end of 2027 and at the beginning and in the middle of 2028, with the broadest possible participation, and on the basis of equitable geographical and gender representation, to prepare a report on the continuing operation and relevance of the Register, including by exploring the relationship between the participation in, scope of and use of the Register, and its further development, taking into account the work of the Conference on Disarmament, relevant deliberations within the United Nations, the views expressed by Member States and the reports of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development, with a view to taking a decision at its eighty-third session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations contained in his 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025 reports on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development, in particular the recommendations contained in paragraph 129 (a) to (s) of the consensus report of the 2024–2025 group of governmental experts that are specifically addressed to the Secretariat;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient resources are made available by the United Nations to enable the Secretariat to effectively implement its core functions for the effective operation of the Register, as outlined in paragraph 129 (a) to (s) of the 2025 report, including in relation to the recommendation in paragraph 129 (g) pertaining to the translation of the online database and other essential documents such as the guidelines entitled *The Global Reported Arms Trade: Transparency in Armaments Through the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms* into the six official languages of the United Nations for the continuing operation of the Register, using resources made available through the regular budget;

9. *Invites* the Conference on Disarmament to consider continuing its work undertaken in the field of transparency in armaments;

10. *Reiterates its call upon* all Member States to cooperate at the regional and subregional levels, taking fully into account the specific conditions prevailing in the region or subregion, with a view to enhancing and coordinating international and regional efforts aimed at increased openness and transparency in armaments;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its eighty-third session on progress made in implementing the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-third session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Transparency in armaments”.

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