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76/234. Promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,¹ 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 provisions of relevant United Nations resolutions,

Reaffirming the need for all Member States to fulfil their obligations in relation to arms control and disarmament and to prevent proliferation, in all its aspects, of all weapons of mass destruction,

Reaffirming also that proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery, constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Reaffirming further support for the multilateral treaties whose aim is to eliminate or prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and the importance for all States parties to these treaties of implementing them fully in order to promote international stability,

Bearing in mind the potential impact that scientific and technological advances can have on global security,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

² Ibid., vol. 1015, No. 14860.

³ Ibid., vol. 1974, No. 33757.



Recognizing the inalienable right of all States to participate in the fullest possible exchange of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for peaceful purposes, in accordance with relevant international obligations,

Reaffirming that preventing the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons should not hamper international cooperation on materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes, while the goals of peaceful utilization should not be misused for proliferation purposes,

Bearing in mind the significant role of international cooperation on materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes in facilitating the economic and social development of Member States, in particular the development of developing countries,

Acknowledging the need to continue the exchange of technologies for peaceful uses, including in accordance with relevant international obligations,

Acknowledging also the importance of technology as one of the key means of implementation in the pursuit of sustainable development,

Noting with concern that undue restrictions on exports to developing countries of materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes persist,

Emphasizing that proliferation concerns are best addressed through multilaterally negotiated, universal, comprehensive and non-discriminatory agreements,

Emphasizing also that non-proliferation control arrangements should be transparent and open to participation by all States and should ensure that no restrictions are imposed on access to materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes required by developing countries for their continued sustainable development,

Emphasizing further the importance of promoting international cooperation for peaceful purposes,

1. *Urges* all Member States, without prejudice to their non-proliferation obligations, to take concrete measures to promote international cooperation on materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes, in particular not to maintain any restrictions incompatible with the obligations undertaken;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views and recommendations of all Member States on all aspects of promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security, including identifying undue restrictions on exports to developing countries of materials, equipment and technology for peaceful purposes, possible measures to achieve a balance between non-proliferation and peaceful uses, and the way forward;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report containing the views and recommendations to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, for further discussion by Member States;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session an item entitled “Promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security”.

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