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Information on confidence-building measures in the field of
conventional arms

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United
Nations,

Bearing in mind the contribution of confidence-building measures in the field
of conventional arms, adopted on the initiative and with the agreement of the States
concerned, to the improvement of the overall international peace and security
situation,

Convinced that the relationship between the development of confidence-
building measures in the field of conventional arms and the international security
environment can also be mutually reinforcing,

Considering the important role that confidence-building measures in the field
of conventional arms can also play in creating favourable conditions for progress in
the field of disarmament,

Recognizing that the exchange of information on confidence-building measures
in the field of conventional arms contributes to mutual understanding and confidence
among Member States,

Underlining that confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms
are key tools in strengthening conflict prevention and reducing armed violence,
thereby contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.\(^1\)


1. Welcomes all confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms already undertaken by Member States;

2. Encourages Member States to continue to adopt and apply confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

3. Invites Member States to submit to the Secretariat, on a voluntary basis, information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

4. Encourages Member States to establish or continue dialogues on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

5. Appreciates the continuing operation of the Secretariat database containing information provided by Member States,\(^2\) and requests the Secretary-General to keep the database updated and to assist Member States, at their request, in confidence-building activities and in the organization of seminars, courses and workshops aimed at enhancing the knowledge of new developments in this field;

6. Recalls the adoption by the Disarmament Commission in April 2017 of recommendations on practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons;\(^3\)

7. Notes that, in those recommendations, Member States are encouraged, as appropriate, and on a voluntary basis, to exchange information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons at the bilateral, subregional, regional and international levels;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-seventh session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms”.

\(^{1}\) Resolution 70/1.

\(^{2}\) See www.un.org/disarmament/cbms.