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THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN STRENGTHENING THE CONTROL OF TRAFFICKING
IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND THEIR AMMUNITION

Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Australia, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Philippines, Romania, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

PREAMBLE

New preambular paragraph 1

Add a new paragraph before preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

(1) ***Drawing the attention*** of all parties concerned to the paramount importance of preventive measures that can eliminate or mitigate the need and tendency to resort to SALW,

(Jordan)

Preambular paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Deeply concerned* by the tremendous human suffering associated with the proliferation and misuse of **illicit** small arms and light weapons (SALW),

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Deeply concerned* by the tremendous human suffering, **especially for women and children who are most vulnerable in armed conflicts**, associated with the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons (SALW),

(Sweden)

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

(1bis) ***Aware*** that the proliferation and misuse of SALW represents a major threat to peace, stability and development throughout the world,

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Stressing* that the category of SALW includes in its definition all associated ammunition, including grenades, rockets, missiles, ~~and~~ mortar shells **and Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS),**

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Stressing* that the category of SALW includes in its definition all associated ammunition, ~~including~~ **such as** grenades, rockets, missiles and mortar shells,

(Mexico)

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Stressing* that the category of SALW includes in its definition all associated ammunition, including grenades, rockets, missiles, ~~and~~ mortar shells **and land mines,**

(Sudan)

Preambular paragraph 2

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(2) ***Stressing* the close association between illicit SALW and their ammunition and the fact that illegal trafficking in ammunition can be of equally devastating consequences as illegal trafficking in small arms and light weapons,**

(Germany)

Preambular paragraph 2

Delete the paragraph.

(China, Switzerland)

New preambular paragraph 2bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

(2bis) ***Aware* that illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons is a global problem that has led to armed conflict in many parts of the world and adversely affected millions of innocent civilians, especially women and children,**

(Philippines)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

(2bis) ***Pointing out* that the definition of SALW should not include daggers and other items which are not firearms and are not intended to cause bodily harm, but are used as part of the national dress,**

(Sudan)

Preambular paragraph 3

Delete the paragraph.

(Australia, India, Indonesia, Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 3

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(3) Without letting take into account that any forceful object can become a weapon that causes suffering,

(Mexico)

New preambular paragraphs 3bis, 3ter, 3quater and 3quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 3 to read as follow:

(3bis) Knowing that the problem of the proliferation of arms initiates from its production and continues with its distribution and ends with its sale to the end user,

(3ter) Knowing that the lack of regulation on the small arms and light weapons favours the development of the international organized crime level, particularly the drug trafficking,

(3quater) Considering that the proliferation of arms creates a culture for arms and a proclivity to the violence that can affect any environment of coexistence, including the family and the one of the home,

(3quinquies) Knowing that an important part of the small arms and light weapons regulation problem is in its manufacturers and its distributors,

(Mexico)

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) Greatly concerned also by the high political, social and financial costs associated with **illicit** SALW that fuel armed conflict, exacerbate violence, contribute to the displacement of civilians, undermine respect for international humanitarian law, impede the provision of humanitarian assistance to victims of armed conflict, fuel armed criminality and terrorism, and hinder a return to peace and sustainable development,

(India)

New preambular paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 4 to read as follows:

(4bis) Alarmed that the proliferation and uncontrolled spread of small arms and light weapons pose a serious threat to peace, safety, security, particularly the sustained economic growth and development of third world countries,

(Philippines)

New preambular paragraphs 4bis and 4ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 4 to read as follows:

(4bis) Concerned by the implications that poverty and under-development may have on the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons,

(4ter) Recalling that at the World Summit held in New York in 2005, world leaders recognized that development, peace and security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) Affirming that combating the proliferation and misuse of illicit SALW requires coherent and comprehensive efforts by a number of governmental and other actors at the international, regional and national levels,

(India)

New preambular paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 5 to read as follows:

(5bis) Determined to take action with a view to promoting lasting security by mitigating the negative impact of armed violence on human development,

(Switzerland)

New preambular paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 6 to read as follows:

(6bis) Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 47/54 A of 9 December 1992, 47/54 G of 8 April 1993, 48/77 A of 16 December 1993, 49/77 A of 15 December 1994, 50/72 D of 12 December 1995, 51/47 B of 10 December 1996 and 52/40 B of 9 December 1997 concerning international arms transfers,

(United Kingdom)

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) ~~Also pointing~~ Also welcoming to the adoption in December 2005 by the United Nations General Assembly of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons,

(Switzerland)

New preambular paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 7 to read as follows:

(7bis) Welcoming the entry into force on 3 July 2005 of the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Recalling that the Second Biennial Meeting of States called by the United Nations to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held in New York from 11 to 15 July 2005,

(Mexico)

New preambular paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) Welcoming the entry into force in July 2005 of the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (the Firearms Protocol),

(Australia)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) Recognizing that the Programme of Action adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) is a step in the right direction in solving the problem,

(Philippines)

New preambular paragraphs 8bis, 8ter and 8quater

Add three new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) Noting that assistance for small arms control was classified as Official Development Assistance (ODA) by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),

(8ter) Confident that the new United Nations Peacebuilding Commission will play an important role in strengthening the PoA,

(8quater) Welcoming the efforts made at the regional level to promote enhanced cooperation among States, and to create and strengthen regional capacity-building mechanisms to implement the PoA and other relevant instruments,

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Further pointing* to the existence of several other SALW and firearms control instruments at the level of the United Nations, as well as in the American, European, ~~and~~ sub-Saharan **and Pacific** subregions,

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Further pointing* to the existence of several other SALW ~~and firearms~~ control instruments at the level of the United Nations, as well as in the American, European, and sub-Saharan subregions, **particularly the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and other Related Materials, of the Organization of American States (OAS),**

(Mexico)

New preambular paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 9 to read as follows:

(9bis) Welcoming the proposal of the European Parliament relating to the creation and the development of an international mechanism for the control of SALW,

(Egypt)

New preambular paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 10 to read as follows:

(10bis) Stressing that SALW control requires a two-tier approach consisting of developing domestic, regional and international agreements and building the capacity needed for the practical implementation of measures developed in line with such agreements,

(Japan)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 10 to read as follows:

(10bis) Noting that the Philippine Government has adopted policies regulating the possession of firearms such as increasing the penalties for firearms related crimes and controlling the flow of SALWs by regulating the issuance of licenses on the possession of firearms,

(Philippines)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 10 to read as follows:

(10bis) Affirming that the United Nations Programme of Action and Small Arms Review Conference scheduled for June/July 2006 presents an opportunity for States to build upon their current commitments to combating SALW proliferation and misuse,

(United Kingdom)

Preambular paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Underscoring* that the active involvement of the relevant national authorities and of parliaments is essential for the effectiveness of any measures to combat **illicit** SALW proliferation,

(India)

New preambular paragraphs 11bis, 11ter, 11quater, 11quinquies and 11sexies

Add five new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 11 to read as follows:

(11bis) *Recalling* that the majority of disputes taking place in certain parts of the world, especially in Africa, are a kind of extension of the troubles that have afflicted those areas since independence and at the time of the Cold War, or a result of the many changes that have taken place in the international system since the beginning of the 1990s,

(11ter) *Underscoring* the close link and reciprocal influence between peace and security on the one hand, and economic and social development and the equitable distribution of its costs and dividends on the other,

(11quater) *Underscoring* the link that exists between issues relating to arms and arms transfers on the one hand and the persistence of tension and conflict on the other,

(11quinquies) *Noting* that most arms transfer operations in the world take place in areas of tension and regions of instability,

(11sexies) *Deploring* the role played by certain foreign powers in exacerbating conflicts, which has had the effect of aggravating terrorism and bringing about its proliferation in several regions in the world,

(Egypt)

New preambular paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 11 to read as follows:

(11bis) *Welcoming* the upcoming UN Conference to Review Progress made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects, which will be held in New York from 26 June to 7 July 2006,

(Philippines)

OPERATIVE PART

New operative paragraph 1

Add a new paragraph before operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1. ***Calls upon*** all parliaments, governments, civil society organizations, regional and international entities to embark upon a long term universal endeavour to define and eradicate all the root causes that generate the need and tendency to manufacture, market, own, or use SALW;

(Jordan)

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to engage actively in efforts to combat **illicit** SALW proliferation and **their** misuse as a key element for national strategies for conflict prevention, peace-building, sustainable development, the protection of human rights and public health and safety;

(India)

New operative paragraphs 1bis, 1ter, 1quater, 1quinquies and 1sexies

Add five new paragraphs after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

- 1bis. ***Calls upon*** parliaments to encourage their governments to fully recommit to the UN Programme of Action and to build upon their current commitments to combating SALW proliferation and misuse at the 2006 United Nations Review Conference on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;
- 1ter. ***Urges*** parliamentarians to stimulate a national parliamentary debate on arms controls before the 2006 UN Review Conference;
- 1quater. ***Encourages*** parliaments to agree a set of global principles for international arms transfers based on States' obligations under international law and internationally accepted human rights standards, as a fundamental requirement for national arms transfer controls and to be included as a key output of the 2006 UN Review Conference;
- 1quinquies. ***Calls upon*** parliaments to encourage their governments to work proactively with other governments, at international, multilateral, regional and sub regional levels, to continue combating SALW proliferation and misuse outside formal UN conferences;
- 1sexies. ***Encourages*** parliaments to promote greater international and regional efforts to control strictly the activities of those brokering or otherwise facilitating arms transfers between third countries; this should include building international consensus on the need for an international treaty on the prevention of illicit brokering;

(United Kingdom)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Urges* parliaments to promote and ensure the adoption at the national level of legislation and regulations required to control effectively SALW throughout their "life cycle" and actively to combat **illicit** SALW proliferation and **their** misuse;
- (India)

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls upon* parliaments to ensure the adequate control of SALW production, brokering, transfers and stockpiling, and to ensure that there exist adequate ~~sanctions~~ **penalties**, including criminal ~~sanctions~~ **penalties**, for those violating such controls;
- (India)

Operative paragraph 4

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

4. ***Encourages* parliaments to promote strict regulations on SALW transfers in keeping with existing State commitments under relevant international law;**
- (China)

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

4. ***Encourages* parliaments to promote the adoption of national measures to effectively control the export and import of SALW;**
- (India)

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Encourages* parliaments to promote the development of **a multilaterally negotiated an** international arms trade treaty (ATT) to strictly regulate arms transfers on the basis of State obligations under international law and internationally accepted norms and human rights standards;
- (Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Encourages* parliaments to promote greater international and, where appropriate, regional efforts ~~to develop common standards~~ to control strictly the activities of those brokering or otherwise facilitating arms transfers between third countries;
- (India)

Delete the paragraph.

(China)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Urges* parliaments to ensure that ~~adequate~~ national legislation ~~exists~~ **is adopted** on the production, acquisition, possession, transfer and use of SALW and firearms, **aimed, within the specific context of each country, at limiting to the maximum extent possible the spread of such arms, in particular by restricting the categories of persons authorized to possess them**, and that such legislation is strictly enforced;

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Urges* parliaments to ensure that adequate national legislation exists on the production, **stockpiling**, acquisition, possession, transfer and use of SALW and firearms, and that such legislation is strictly enforced;

(Sweden)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls upon* parliaments to ensure the existence of strong legal ~~sanctions~~ **penalties** for those who provide SALW to children, who recruit and use children in conflicts or armed operations, or who commit atrocities against children;

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls upon* parliaments to ensure the existence of strong legal sanctions for those who provide SALW to children, who recruit and use children in conflicts or armed operations, ~~or who commit atrocities against children~~;

(Sweden)

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Urges* parliaments to ensure the existence of legal ~~sanctions~~ **penalties** at the national level for those who commit atrocities against vulnerable sections of society such as the elderly, women and children, as well as the existence of measures to prevent such atrocities;

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Urges* parliaments to ensure the existence of legal sanctions at the national level for those who commit **crimes**/atrocities against vulnerable sections of society such as the elderly, women and children, as well as the existence of measures to prevent such **crimes**/atrocities;

(Sweden)

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Recommends* that parliaments work towards ~~the harmonization of~~ **putting in place effective** national controls on SALW on the basis of high ~~common~~ standards while ensuring that national controls are an adequate response to the national and regional realities of each State;

(India)

New operative paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

- 10bis. Urges parliaments to ensure that States refrain from providing any form of support, active or passive, to entities or persons involved in terrorist activities, including by suppressing the recruitment of members of terrorist groups and eliminating the supply of weapons to terrorists as well as denying safe haven to those who finance, plan, support, commit terrorist acts, or provide safe havens to terrorists;**

(India)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

- 10bis. Recommends that parliaments encourage their governments, as they develop and implement SALW control measures, to promote active cooperation among domestic government agencies that have jurisdiction over the police, intelligence agencies, border guards and customs authorities and to ensure that such entities work closely with other government organizations in international and regional contexts;**

(Japan)

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Recommends* that parliaments, **in order to foster a better understanding of controls and to identify existing best practices**, exchange with each other, ~~and the IPU, and NGOs involved in activities related to those best practices~~, information on national legislation on SALW control ~~to build a better understanding of controls and to identify existing best practices~~, and establish international parliamentary forums to consider SALW issues;

(Japan)

New operative paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 11 to read as follows:

- 11bis. Invites parliaments to ensure that their respective governments sign, if they have not yet done so, the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,**

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* parliaments to consider ratifying, if they have not already done so, the multilateral SALW ~~control~~ treaties their governments have signed, to incorporate their provisions into appropriate and timely domestic legislation in accordance with the aims of these treaties, and to see to it that they are duly implemented;

(India)

New operative paragraph 12bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 12 to read as follows:

- 12bis. Urges parliaments which have yet to do so to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (the Firearms Protocol) and ensure its effective implementation;**

(Australia)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Calls upon* parliaments to ensure that the provisions of the recently adopted International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons are fully implemented under national legislation, ~~and that ammunition for SALW is covered by national legislation to trace illicit SALW;~~

(China, India)

New operative paragraphs 13bis and 13ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 13 to read as follows:

- 13bis. Also calls upon parliaments to promote a dynamic and timely review of this instrument to ensure maximum effectiveness;**

- 13ter. Urges parliaments to make violations of arms embargoes a criminal offence under national law; to sanction logistical or financial support for such violations; and, in the event of breaches of arms embargoes, to trigger the specific action prescribed for each particular embargo;**

(United Kingdom)

Operative paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Encourages* parliaments to, where necessary, ~~ascertain their right and obligation~~ **set up or strengthen procedures enabling them** to scrutinize government practice and policy on SALW controls, to ensure respect for their countries' international commitments, and to work towards a high degree of transparency allowing for such scrutiny;

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Encourages* parliaments ~~to~~, where necessary, **to** ascertain their right and obligation to scrutinize government practice and policy on SALW controls, to ensure respect for their countries' international commitments, and to work towards a high degree of transparency allowing for such scrutiny;

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 16

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

16. ***Encourages* the relevant parliamentary committees to seek, at the national level, regular exchange of views with all existing bodies and non governmental organisations dealing with SALW control on national SALW policy and control practice;**

(Germany)

New operative paragraph 17bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 17 to read as follows:

- 17bis. ***Recommends* that parliaments closely monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of their governments' fiscal measures related to SALW policies and, where necessary, request their governments to provide financial and technical support to international SALW research initiatives and funds;**

(Japan)

New operative paragraph 19bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 19 to read as follows:

- 19bis. ***Invites* the IPU, in cooperation with its relevant partners, such as the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), to promote capacity-building programmes that enable parliaments to effectively contribute to the prevention and combating of SALW proliferation and misuse;**

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 20

Amend to read as follows:

20. ***Recommends* that parliaments in countries engaged in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programmes encourage their governments to prioritise in such programmes "weapons in exchange for development" schemes to provide community-based incentives for the voluntary surrender of illicitly held SALW in society **in order to ensure that the reconstruction of post-conflict countries is promoted under an international framework for conflict prevention and peace-building;****

(Japan)

Amend to read as follows:

20. *Recommends* that parliaments in countries engaged in disarmament, demobilization, ~~and reintegration (DDR)~~ **reintegration and rehabilitation (DDRR)** programmes encourage their governments to prioritise in such programmes "weapons in exchange for development" schemes to provide community-based incentives for the voluntary surrender of illicitly held SALW in society;

(Sweden)

Operative paragraph 21

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Encourages* parliaments to support the participation and active role of women in **DDR processes** ~~disarmament~~ and peace-building activities, and *stresses* the need to incorporate a gender perspective in **DDR** ~~disarmament~~ and peace-building strategies and activities;

(Romania)

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Encourages* parliaments to support the participation and active role of women in disarmament and peace-building activities, and *stresses* the need to incorporate ~~a gender perspective~~ **UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)** in disarmament and peace-building strategies and activities;

(Sweden)

Operative paragraph 22

Amend to read as follows:

22. *Encourages* parliaments to urge governments involved in DDR programmes to pay particular attention to the unique circumstances of child soldiers and the **rehabilitation, physical and psychological recovery and** reintegration of former child soldiers into civilian life to prevent such children from falling into armed crime;

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 23

Amend to read as follows:

23. *Encourages* parliaments to urge their governments to destroy **[wherever feasible]** in public view, wherever possible, all illicit SALW that are recovered by the national authorities in the context of armed conflict and crime, including SALW recovered in the context of DDR programmes;

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

23. *Encourages* parliaments to urge their governments to destroy in public view, wherever possible, all illicit SALW that are recovered by the national authorities in the context of armed conflict and crime, including SALW recovered in the context of DDR programmes **and to dispose of such SALW in a safe, environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner**;
- (Japan)

New new operative paragraphs 23bis, 23ter, 23quater and 23quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after operative paragraph 23 to read as follows:

- 23bis. ***Calls upon* parliaments to intensify international cooperation to prevent the illicit international arms trade and its association with international organized crime, particularly with drug trafficking;**
- 23ter. ***Calls upon* parliaments to recognize that this type of arms are those used by international organized crime related to the drug traffic, to promote the phenomenon of drug payment with arms, that strengthens organized crime in Latin America and the Caribbean;**
- 23quater. ***Calls upon* parliaments to take the necessary legislative initiatives to prevent access to this type of armament that puts in risk the integrity and the physical health of the family;**
- 23quinquies. ***Exhort* parliaments of the nations that produce small arms and light weapons to develop effective mechanisms for sale and distribution regulation of this type of armament within their nations as in the outside, avoiding its proliferation;**
- (Mexico)

Operative paragraph 24

Amend to read as follows:

24. *Recommends* that parliaments continue and strengthen efforts, and work together with civil society, **including NGOs**, to prevent the outbreak of conflict in regions and States prone to tensions and to resolve social and economic problems underpinning such tensions and armed conflict, including efforts to fight poverty, social exclusion, trafficking in human beings, drugs and natural resources, organized crime, terrorism and racism, **in accordance with the UN Security Council resolution 1366 (2001)**;
- (Sweden)

Operative paragraphs 24, 25 and 26

Delete the paragraphs.

(India)

New operative paragraph 24bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 24 to read as follows:

24bis. *Calls upon* parliaments to encourage the participation of civil society and non-governmental organizations in national and international efforts to prevent and combat SALW proliferation and misuse;

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 25

Amend to read as follows:

25. *Urges* parliaments in this context to adopt and support adequate national measures to **identify specific reasons for the demand for SALW and firearms in their societies, to limit such demand in their societies for SALW and firearms**, and, in particular, to eradicate the demand for illicit SALW and firearms;

(Japan)

New operative paragraphs 25bis and 25ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 25 to read as follows:

25bis. *Encourages* IPU member countries to conduct massive information campaign that would identify ways and means to combat the illicit trafficking of small weapons and light arms;

25ter. *Urges* all member countries to undertake measures which would totally eradicate the problem of acquisition of small arms and light weapons and adopt measures against traffickers and smugglers who import or export firearms;

(Philippines)

Operative paragraph 26

Amend to read as follows:

26. *Calls upon* parliaments to promote full implementation by their governments of their pledges made under the United Nations Millennium Declaration to ensure the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, **while duly taking into consideration the contribution that disarmament and the reduction of armed violence can make thereto;**

(Romania)

New operative paragraph 26bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 26 to read as follows:

26bis. Encourages parliaments to urge their governments to incorporate armed violence reduction programmes in national and multilateral development programmes and strategies;

(Switzerland)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 26 to read as follows:

26bis. Urges the adoption and enforcement of national legislation incorporating the two instruments that provide the most specific guidance regarding States' obligations to prevent misuse: the United Nations Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and the United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials;

(United Kingdom)

Operative paragraph 27

Amend to read as follows:

27. *Calls upon* parliaments to encourage their governments to fully recommit to and build upon their current commitments to combating SALW proliferation and misuse at the 2006 United Nations Review Conference on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, **while focusing on areas where obstacles to full implementation of the PoA persist, namely: brokering, transfer controls, marking and tracing, end-user certification, stockpile management and destruction, ammunition and capacity-building;**

(Romania)

New operative paragraph 27bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 27 to read as follows:

27bis. Calls upon all member countries to train security organizations in managing weapons stockpiles including physical security, record keeping, inventory management and training of civilians in effective handling of security threats;

(Philippines)

New operative paragraph 28bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 28 to read as follows:

28bis. Encourages parliaments to support and establish permanent assistance and cooperation mechanisms in the development of operational support tools such as databases, standard operating procedures on small arms control as well as monitoring and evaluation systems;

(Philippines)

New operative paragraphs 28bis, 28ter and 28quater

Add three new paragraphs after operative paragraph 28 to read as follows:

- 28bis.** ***Calls upon*** parliaments to see to ensure that the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, as a forum in which small arms-related problems faced by countries emerging from conflict can be addressed in an integrated manner, is made fully operational without delay;
- 28ter.** ***Invites*** parliaments to encourage their respective governments, where appropriate, to include transfers of SALW in their annual report to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, as part of their additional background information;
- 28quater.** ***Invites*** ODA donor States, where appropriate, to provide assistance for small arms control as part of their development cooperation programmes;
(Romania)

New operative paragraphs 28bis, 28ter and 28quater

Add three new paragraphs after operative paragraph 28 to read as follows:

- 28bis.** ***Encourages*** parliaments to build public awareness on the negative effects of the illicit acquisition of SALW, propose that an international day be observed annually to advocate these effects and participate in relevant programmes with the media, in coordination with the government and civil society;
- 28ter.** ***Urges*** parliaments to adopt laws that protect law enforcement agencies when they are doing their jobs in combating suspects who are violating laws of SALW;
- 28quater.** ***Calls upon*** neighboring countries and parliaments to cooperate and exchange information about missing and stolen SALW from government stores.
(Sudan)

New operative paragraphs 28bis, 28ter, 28quater, 28quinquies, 28sexies, 28septies and 28octies

Add seven new paragraphs after operative paragraph 28 to read as follows:

- 28bis.** ***Calls upon*** the international community, and in particular the major powers, to assume their responsibilities in respect of the development of countries which have suffered under the yoke of colonialism, from under-development and from the actual and probable effects of globalization;

- 28ter. *Calls upon* the major powers not to rid themselves of their arms surpluses by exporting them to developing countries and to ensure that arms producers in the exporting States comply with domestic arms export controls;
- 28quater. *Recommends* that transparent measures relating to arms transfers be taken at international level, so as to promote the collection and exchange of information and to ensure control of arms transfers in accordance with the UN Register of Conventional Arms;
- 28quinquies. *Recommends* the setting up of a United Nations body charged with ensuring that international and regional initiatives relating to SALW are implemented and followed up;
- 28sexies. *Recommends* that an effective and strict global legal framework be put in place for texts relating to arms transfers, governing all regions of the world, especially those where trafficking in SALW is spreading;
- 28septies. *Urges* major parliamentary organizations, such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the European Parliament, the Pan-African Parliament and the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union, to assume their responsibilities by encouraging the regional organizations in their respective regions to set up disarmament departments which should attach great importance to SALW alongside non conventional arms;
- 28octies. *Encourages* the international community to adopt policies that are more just and equitable by tackling international issues without partiality, in order to prevent the proliferation of violence and terrorism in certain parts of the world which stem from a sense of international oppression and injustice from leading to;

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