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Draft resolution introduced by Pakistan and co-sponsors entitled “Conventional Arms Control at the Regional and Sub Regional Levels”.

Mr. Chairman,
There exists, since 1993, ‘guidelines and recommendations for regional approaches to disarmament within the context of global security’ which have were adopted by the UNDC on the basis of consensus. Therefore, the rationale or the need to consider formulation of principles for a framework for regional arrangements is not persuasive. India is not convinced of the productive value of calling on the Conference on Disarmament, a forum for negotiation of disarmament of global application, to consider principles for a framework of regional arrangements on conventional arms control. Further, India's security concerns are not confined to what is referred as South Asia. This being the case, the narrow definition of the resolution does not truly reflect the security concerns in South Asia, and adopts an approach that is far too restrictive.