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General and complete disarmament: national legislation on transfer
of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology

Netherlands: draft resolution

National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and
dual-use goods and technology

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation are essential
for the maintenance of international peace and security,

Recalling that effective national control of the transfer of arms, military
equipment and dual-use goods and technology, including those transfers that could
contribute to proliferation activities, is an important tool for achieving those
objectives,

Recalling also that the States parties to the international disarmament and non-
proliferation treaties have undertaken to facilitate the fullest possible exchange of
materials, equipment and technological information for peaceful purposes, in
accordance with the provisions of those treaties,

Considering that the exchange of national legislation, regulations and
procedures on the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and
technology contributes to mutual understanding and confidence among Member
States,

Convinced that such an exchange would be beneficial to Member States that
are in the process of developing such legislation,

Reaffirming the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence in
accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Invites Member States that are in a position to do so, without prejudice to
the provisions contained in Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) of 28 April
2004, to enact or improve national legislation, regulations and procedures to
exercise effective control over the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use
goods and technology, while ensuring that such legislation, regulations and
procedures are consistent with the obligations of States parties under international treaties;

2. Encourages Member States to provide, on a voluntary basis, information to the Secretary-General on their national legislation, regulations and procedures on the transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology, as well as the changes therein, and requests the Secretary-General to make this information accessible to Member States;

3. Decides to remain attentive to the matter.