Seventy-third session
Agenda item 101 (b)

73/. **Preservation of and compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (draft resolution)**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/60 of 12 December 1995 and 52/30 of 9 December 1997 on compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements,

Recognizing the historical role of the Treaty between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Elimination of their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles¹, further referred to as the INF Treaty, as a cornerstone for maintaining global strategic stability, world peace and regional security, and reaffirming its continued validity and relevance, especially in the current international situation,

Stressing the paramount importance of full and strict compliance with all provisions of the INF Treaty by the States parties and the resolving of compliance concerns effectively by means consistent with such agreement,

Recognizing that safeguarding the inviolability of the INF Treaty can, inter alia, facilitate efforts to preserve other existing arms control agreements, including to extend the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, as well as to create more favourable conditions for further negotiations on reducing and limiting nuclear arms and conclusion of additional international arms limitation, disarmament and non-proliferation agreements, and, thereby, contribute to better relations among States and the strengthening of world peace and security,

Mindful of the obligations of the States parties to the INF Treaty under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons² and welcoming their resolve to work together and with other States and international organizations in the interests of fulfilling such obligations,

Concerned that the implementation of any measures undermining the purposes and provisions of the INF Treaty affects not only the security interests of the States

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parties, but also those of the whole international community, and noting the role that the United Nations has played and should continue to play in fostering preservation of the INF Treaty,

Mindful that it is the responsibility and obligation of all States to contribute to the process of the easing of international tension and to the strengthening of international peace and security and, in this connection, to refrain from steps negatively affecting security environment and efforts to advance along the path of nuclear disarmament, as well as general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Recalling the widespread concern about the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,

1. Calls upon States parties for efforts to strengthen the INF Treaty and to preserve its viability so that it remains a cornerstone in maintaining global strategic stability, world peace and regional security, and in promoting further nuclear arms reductions;

2. Calls also for renewed efforts by each of the States parties to preserve and strengthen the INF Treaty through full and strict compliance;

3. Calls upon the Russian Federation and the United States of America to continue consultations on compliance with obligations under the INF Treaty, as well as resume a constructive dialogue on strategic issues premised on openness, mutual confidence and real opportunities for cooperation, which is of paramount importance, especially in a changing security environment, and hopes that this dialogue will be conducive to further progress in reducing nuclear arms and strengthening international security and stability;

4. Encourages efforts by States parties to develop additional cooperative measures, as appropriate, that can increase confidence in compliance with the INF Treaty and reduce the possibility of misinterpretation and misunderstanding;

5. Considers that the implementation of any measure undermining the purposes and the provisions of the INF Treaty also undermines global strategic stability, world peace, regional security and the promotion of further nuclear arms reductions;

6. Urges all Member States to support efforts aimed at stemming the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;

7. Supports efforts by the international community, in the light of emerging developments, towards safeguarding the inviolability of the INF Treaty, which is in the strongest interest of the international community;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Preservation of and compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty”.

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