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Agenda item 51

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE
OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 37/79 of 9 December 1982, the General Assembly, having recalled
with satisfaction the adoption, on 10 October 1980, of the Convention on
Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May
Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, together
with the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on
Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices
(Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of
Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III), 1/ and having taken note with satisfaction of
the report of the Secretary-General, 2/ in which indication was given that an
increasing number of States had either signed or ratified the Convention, which was
opened for signature in New York on 10 April 1981, inter alia, requested the
Secretary-General, as the depositary of the Convention and its three annexed
Protocols, to inform the Assembly from time to time of the state of adherence to
the said Convention and its Protocols.

2. Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides that it shall enter into
force six months after the date of deposit of the twentieth instrument of
ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Pursuant to article 5,
paragraph 3, each of the Protocols annexed to the Convention shall enter into force
six months after the date by which 20 States have notified their consent to be
bound by it. Expressions of consent to be bound by any of the Protocols is
optional for each State, provided that, at the time of the deposit of its
instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Convention or of
accession thereto, that State shall notify the Depositary of its consent to be
bound by any two or more of the Protocols.
3. The conditions set out in the above article of the Convention were fulfilled on 2 June 1983. Therefore, the Convention and the three annexed Protocols will enter into force on 2 December 1983.

4. In accordance with article 5, paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Convention, for those States which deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Convention and notify their consents to be bound by at least any two of its Protocols after 2 June 1983, that is, after the fulfilment of conditions set out in article 5, paragraphs 1 and 3, the Convention and the said Protocols will enter into force six months after the date of deposit of their instruments.

5. As at 31 August 1983, 53 countries had signed the Convention, 19 had ratified it, 1 had accepted it and 2 had acceded to it. Instruments of those actions were accompanied by the notification of the acceptance of the three Protocols of the Convention.

6. In the period under review, that is, from 1 September 1982 to 31 August 1983, the actions taken with regard to the Convention and its three Protocols are indicated in the annex to the present report. 3/

Notes


ANNEX

Actions taken with regard to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its three Protocols during the period from 1 September 1982 to 31 August 1983

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