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The Government of Chile considers that the strengthening of international security calls for action of a threefold nature by the international community:

Firstly, it is essential that the conflict latent in the serious tensions which beset the world today and which bring it about that the hallmark of our times is not security but insecurity, should be directed towards a solution in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter. Chile considers that unless the principles of the Charter are strictly respected in practice, conditions of international security cannot be established.

The sovereign equality of all States, the fulfilment in good faith of contractual commitments, the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means, the total renunciation of the threat or use of force, the self-determination of peoples, and non-intervention by any State in the affairs of others, are the absolute prerequisites if real international security is to be achieved.

In particular, the principle of non-intervention is the foundation stone on which the small and medium-sized States, which include Chile, would like to see a genuine world order erected.

Secondly, our country considers that there will be no international security while the arms race, which every year increases the risks and uncertainties to which we are exposed, continues. As the Secretary-General, U Thant, has put it, "as the spiral of the arms race goes up, the spiral of security goes down".

The non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and strategic arms limitation are two of the most important problems, on whose solution the security of the world in which we live is largely dependent.

However, neither respect for the principles of the United Nations nor the achievement of the short- and long-term goals of disarmament will make a conclusive contribution to international security unless at the same time a third prerequisite of peace in the world today is faced – effective co-operation between peoples for economic development. And from the fact that no development is possible without
effective international co-operation, it follows that the strengthening of international security cannot possibly be achieved unless greater progress in international co-operation is made.

These are the guidelines which, in the opinion of our country, must be followed in practice if we really want to strengthen international security. Chile, while ready to reject and condemn any measure which might add to the difficulties flowing from the state of insecurity in which mankind lives today, declares its determination to support any substantive proposal designed to give detailed and effective expression to the policies which have been outlined.