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Agenda item 12

ENHANCEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MACHINERY IN THE FIELD
OF DISARMAMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE CONVENING OF
A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Note verbale dated 24 June 1982 from the Permanent Mission of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments
to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to request that the
enclosed proposal, relating to confidence-building measures, be distributed as a
document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly under agenda
item 12.
ANNEX

Confidence-building measures

1. When considering the developments of the past few years, it can be noted that we face today an international situation which is in many respects more adverse than the one prevailing at the time of the tenth special session and that the lack of international confidence and mutual trust is more acute. In such a situation, measures designed to build confidence are more urgent than ever. Adoption of these measures should significantly facilitate the process of disarmament.

2. The General Assembly has reaffirmed the importance of confidence-building measures in its resolution 36/79 P, which was co-sponsored by Turkey. Paragraphs 24 and 93 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session also contain provisions about confidence-building measures.

3. The general objective of the confidence-building measures is to contribute to the reduction or elimination of the causes of mistrust, misunderstanding, fear, tensions and hostilities. Though they vary from region to region, it could be possible to agree upon the main causes of mistrust, misunderstanding and fear. Lack of reliable information on the military facts and figures might be counted as one of the most important causes.

4. Confidence-building measures, for their credibility, should be militarily significant, verifiable and obligatory. Hence, all Member States should be urged by this special session to implement, as a first step, the measures enumerated in paragraph 93 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session.