
Proposal by Italy

Security Council

Should a reference to the Security Council be included, we note that the Security Council is master of its own procedures and that a role for it in the field of arms control has not been envisaged so far by its members. At the same time, by decreasing the areas where force is used or open conflicts are taking place, negotiations work concretely in favour of a reduction of military arsenals and disarmament.

Bearing in mind the Security Council's primary responsibility for peace and security, its role in resolving regional tensions and in preventing the use of force must be encouraged since it promotes a more stable political climate which is conducive to arms reduction and disarmament.

We suggest the inclusion of the following:

"Bearing in mind the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security, its role is stressed in preventing the resort to force and in decreasing the areas where force is used or open conflicts are taking place, thereby contributing to create a positive political atmosphere conducive to arms reduction and disarmament."

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