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UN General Assembly approves four Resolutions moved by Pakistan in the area of Disarmament and International Security

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Today, the United Nations General Assembly approved the following four resolutions tabled by Pakistan in the First Committee in area of nuclear disarmament and international security. The resolutions advance the goals of regional and global stability and disarmament.

- i. Regional disarmament;
- ii. Confidence building measures in the regional and sub-regional context;
- iii. Conventional arms control at the regional and sub regional level; and
- iv. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (Negative security assurances)

The resolutions “Regional Disarmament” and “Confidence building measures in the regional and sub-regional context” were adopted by consensus (without a vote), while the resolution on “Conventional arms control at regional and sub-regional levels” was supported by an overwhelming majority of 186 votes in the 193-member UN General Assembly. India cast the only ‘no’ vote against the resolution.

Pakistan’s resolution titled “Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons” was also approved with 123 votes in favour.

For several years, Pakistan has led initiatives at the United Nations to promote the goals of regional disarmament, conventional arms control, and CBMs. The resolutions recognize the significance of and complementarily between regional and global approaches to arms control, disarmament and confidence building to promote international peace, security and stability.

The resolutions also draw attention to the excessive conventional military danger in the regional context (implicitly in South Asia); propose measure to address the associated risks and encourages efforts aimed at promoting CBMs at the regional and sub-regional levels to ease regional tensions; and further disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation measures.

The resolution on conventional arms control at regional and sub-regional levels acknowledges that preservation of a balance in States' defence capabilities strengthens peace and stability.