

AG/RES. 1288 (XXIV-O/94)

CONFIDENCE- AND SECURITY-BUILDING MEASURES IN THE REGION

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The report of the rapporteur of the Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, held from March 15 to 18, 1994 in Buenos Aires (SEGRE/doc.42/94 rev. 1); and

The Report of the Permanent Council on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1237 (XXII-O/93) "Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-building Measures in the Region" (AG/doc.3096/94); and

RECALLING:

Its decision, contained in the Santiago Commitment, to initiate a process of consultation on hemispheric security in light of the new conditions in the region and the world, from an updated and comprehensive perspective of security and disarmament, including the subject of all forms of proliferation of conventional weapons and instruments of mass destruction, so that the largest possible volume of resources may be devoted to the economic and social development of the member states;

Its resolutions AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-O/91) and AG/RES. 1123 (XXI-O/91) on the strengthening of peace and security of the Hemisphere, and resolutions AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-O/92) and 1180 (XXII-O/92) on cooperation for hemispheric security;

Resolution AG/RES. 1237 (XXII-O/93), which convened the Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region;

RECOGNIZING:

That the strengthening of peace and security in the Hemisphere is one of the essential purposes of the OAS, and that socioeconomic development and cooperation among the member states are essential for the attainment of that goal;

That the regional and subregional integration processes, as well as the sharing of information and experiences and the enhancement of consultation and cooperation mechanisms, encourage the promotion of security and stability in the region;

That security- and confidence-building measures work toward preventing potential sources of conflict and thus contribute to efforts to strengthen peace and security;

The contributions made by the states of the Americas to global and regional security through arms control measures and consultations, including the OAS Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, which was hosted by the Government of Argentina, and the generous offer made by the Government of Chile to host a Regional Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region in 1995; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the report and work done at the Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, held in Buenos Aires, which has identified a series of proposed confidence- and security-building measures which merit due consideration,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the Report of the Permanent Council on the Implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1237 (XXIII-O/93) "Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region," underscore the positive work done at that Meeting, and to thank the Government of the Argentine Republic for its successful organization of the meeting.

2. To recognize the opportunity and the need for increased dialogue among the Hemisphere's nations on security and cooperation topics on this subject, in light of the new international situation.

3. To continue, through the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security, the study of confidence-building issues and, *inter alia*, matters concerning the peaceful settlement of disputes and conflict prevention, in accordance with the principle that international law should be fully effective, and of the existing bilateral, regional, and subregional legal and political agreements.

4. To recommend to the member states that they implement confidence-building measures at the appropriate level and in any way they deem adequate, and regularly report to the appropriate bodies at the OAS on the implementation of the measures.

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to compile, through the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security for the purpose of following up on the Buenos Aires meeting, a comprehensive and systematic inventory of confidence-building measures used in the Hemisphere, with a view to disseminating and better understanding them, and facilitating their adoption and implementation at the bilateral, subregional, and hemispheric levels.

6. To pursue consultations within the OAS, based on the observations of the governments, so as to hold in 1995 a Regional Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, which Chile has offered to host.

7. To strongly encourage implementation of the recommendations contained in resolution AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-O/92) and other pertinent General Assembly resolutions.

8. To ask the Permanent Council to report to the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly on the fulfillment of this resolution.

9. To transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.