



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
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**UNGA Resolution 70/42 on «Confidence building measures in the regional and subregional context»**

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at its 70th session, on «Confidence building measures in the regional and sub-regional context», recalling the resolutions and guidelines adopted by consensus by the General Assembly and the Disarmament Commission relating to confidence-building measures, has requested States to comply with all bilateral, regional and international agreements, including arms control and disarmament agreements, to which they are Party.

Portugal considers that confidence building measures are a key element to the improvement and reinforcement of peace and security, a major input to regional stability, and an important way to prevent conflicts, at an international, regional and sub-regional level.

In this context, Portugal publishes an annual report on international trade and intermediation of defense products. Portugal also collects national data on export of conventional weapons, which submits to the European Union for its annual report, and also reports to the United Nations, to OSCE and to the Wassenaar Arrangement. In 2014 Portugal was one of the first 50 countries to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty, and it's an active part on the promotion of its universalization. Portugal also reports on CBM's within the BTWC process.

Furthermore, Portugal publishes annually its military budget which is available to non-governmental organizations and think tanks, and fully cooperates with the requests that are presented in this context.

Finally, in what regards the export of weapons, Portugal implements a strict national legislation and fully complies with the European Union Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP, which sets forth common rules to all Member-States. Those rules include the respect for international and regional embargoes, regional stability and especially Human Rights.