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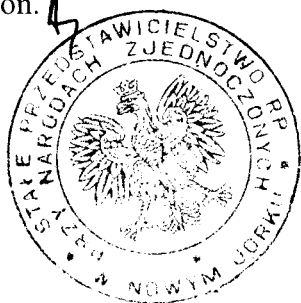
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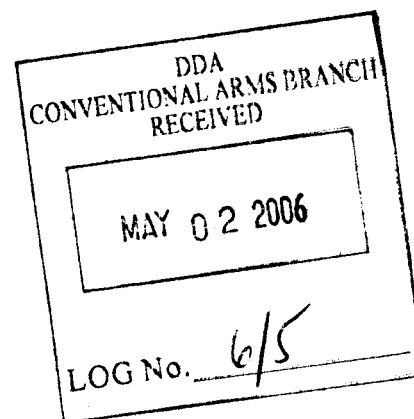
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and in accordance with the resolution 60/64, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context" and with the resolution 60/82, entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" both adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 2004, has the honour to present information from the Government of the Republic of Poland on the matter.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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## **Report of the Republic of Poland on resolutions:**

### **„Confidence building measures in the regional and subregional context”**

**(A/RES/60/64)**

### **“Information on confidence –building measures in the field of conventional arms”**

**(A/RES/60/82)**

Polish policy on conventional arms control plays an important role in the security policy on the regional and subregional level. Poland is a party to *the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (the CFE Treaty)*. *The CFE Treaty* has established a secure and stable balance of conventional armed forces in based on peaceful co-operation. Therefore it has become and remains the cornerstone of security and stability in Europe, both in terms of reduction of tensions related to accumulated weapons through arms control at the regional level, and of greater stability through confidence building, transparency, predictability, and information exchange among states parties to *the Treaty*.

Poland is also a party of *the Treaty on Open Skies*, which establishes a program of unarmed aerial surveillance flights over the entire territory of its participants. It is designed to enhance the mutual understanding and confidence by giving all its participants, regardless of their size, a direct role in gathering information about military forces and activities of concern to them, and is one of the most wide-ranging international efforts to date promoting openness and transparency of military forces and activities. Poland is also participating in other conventional arms control agreements concluded within the framework of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, including *the Vienna Document 1999 of the negotiations on confidence-and-security building measures*, which is designed to promote mutual trust and dispel concern about military activities by encouraging openness and transparency. It's provisions regarding the exchange and verification of military information on the participating States' armed forces, their defence policies and military activities including the size of defence budgets, the location, size and strength of military units and formations, exchange of annual calendars and prior notification of certain military activities, as well as observation of certain military activities increase transparency and confidence by promoting a broader and more comprehensive co-operation among states both on regional and subregional level.

Being also the member of the European Union the Republic of Poland meets its obligations in the area of Common Foreign and Security Policy such as *EU programme for preventing and combating illicit trafficking in conventional arms* and *EU Code of Conduct on Arms Export*. All above mentioned agreements and initiatives constitute an

essential element of co-operative European security and will continue to remain an important tool for strengthening security as long as military and security risk exists, although they may be different in nature and scope from those of the past.

We attach great importance to the regional confidence and security building measures. The bilateral measures undoubtedly contribute to an increase of transparency, openness, confidence and security to the establishment and strengthening of good neighbourly relations and co-operation in the field of security and arms control. Good examples of successful co-operation on the subregional level are: *the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Complementary Confidence – and Security - Building Measures* signed in April 2004 and *The Set of the Confidence – and Security - Building Measures Complementary to the Vienna Document 1999 adopted by the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Poland* signed in July 2004. The aim of these agreements is the expansion of bilateral military co-operation as a contribution to further strengthening confidence and good neighbourliness, as well as security in the region of Central and Eastern Europe. It can be achieved by, among others: inviting observers to the military activities specified in the Agreements conducted by the formations and units of the armed forces, holding annually meetings to work out recommendation aiming at the improvement of the implementation of the measures mentioned in the Agreements and to assess it's implementation.

Poland with its positive experience of the results of the implementation of the European conventional arms control regime, strongly encourages other Member States that have not already done so to begin negotiations on these kinds of agreements. We are strongly convinced that strengthening and expansion of regional and subregional co-operation among states and the implementation of the existing bilateral and multilateral agreements, to which they are parties, contributes to further strengthening confidence between them, as well as the security on regional and subregional level and within the United Nations community as a whole. For our part, we are ready to share with interested States our experiences gained during the negotiation and implementation of above mentioned conventional arms control agreements.