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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Department for Disarmament Affairs and, with reference to the latter's Note No. DDA/8-2007/ICBM of 29 January 2007, has the honour to forward, enclosed herewith, the information requested by the said Note.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**UNGA RESOLUTION 61/79 INFORMATION ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES  
IN THE FIELD OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS:  
REPLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

Serbia supports UNGA resolution 61/79, just as it supports all other international acts and efforts aimed at addressing the question of conventional arms. In doing so, it renders an important contribution to the strengthening of the security structure of the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in the region, all the more so as it is a signatory State of the 1999 Vienna Document on confidence and security building measures (CSBMs) and a number of bilateral Agreements in this area.

The implementation of the Document, which is in charge of the Verification Centre of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia, has proved itself as an effective mechanism for building and strengthening confidence, as well as for promoting military cooperation among OSCE member States. Nevertheless, the implementation has revealed certain shortcomings as well, which calls for the improvement of the existing, and the introduction of new, confidence-building measures.

The new measures, particularly those necessitated by the emergence of new security challenges, should address the security needs of all, as well as of each individual OSCE member State, and should define technical and political aspects in very clear terms. They should also be verifiable and compatible with the existing measures.

With respect to the exchange of information on defence planning and the implementation of the measure on a voluntary basis, it is necessary to devise more effective mechanisms and assess the possibilities to introduce new measures, such as exchange of information on transit and stationing of foreign troops of the brigade level, international rapid reaction forces and air transport military units.

Serbia also wishes to point to the importance of building confidence measures for a peaceful resolution of disputes and the restraint of States from the use or threat of use of force, as well as to the need for their further improvement aimed at strengthening the basis of the security structure established among the OSCE member States.