



Resolution 63/57

Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms

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Introduction

The Netherlands attaches great value to disarmament and arms control as means to contribute to international peace and security. Confidence-building measures (CBMs) are deemed essential in this process, for they are important in reinforcing the norm against the spread of conventional weapons and in reducing tensions between states. CBMs provide transparency, dialogue and cooperation and therefore create a climate conducive to effective disarmament and arms control.

Dutch participation on Confidence Building Measures as a member of the OSCE

The Netherlands is a member of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Part of the OSCE is the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC), established in 1992. This is an autonomous decision-making body, subservient only to the OSCE Ministerial Council. Since its creation, the Forum has agreed on a number of documents and decisions on arms control, disarmament and confidence and security building measures (CSBMs).

The existing CSBM-regime now constitutes of interlocking exchanges of obligatory and verifiable notifications on military holdings and activities, and armed force levels. The CSBM regime contributes to greater transparency, and thus promotes trust and confidence among participating States. The Netherlands has fully implemented the following OSCE codes and principles, and adheres to the various regimes of information exchange described in these documents. These documents can also be found on <http://www.osce.org/fsc/22154.html>

Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers

Adopted on November 25, 1993

Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security

Adopted on December 3, 1994

OCSE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation

Adopted on December 5, 1994

Global Exchange of Military Information

Adopted on November 28, 1994

Vienna Document 1999

Adopted on November 16, 1999

OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons

Adopted on November 24, 2000

OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition

Adopted on 19 November 2003

Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines

The Netherlands annually submits the questionnaire on anti-personnel landmines since 1998.

Stablizing Measures for Localized Crisis Situations

Adopted on 25 November 1993

Principles for export controls of MANPADS

Adopted on 26 May 2004

Standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports

Adopted on 17 November 2004

Dutch participation on Confidence Building Measures as a UN member

UN Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures

First reported in 1983

UN Register of Conventional Arms

Established on January 1, 1992

Additional Confidence Building Measures

Treaty on Open Skies

Entered into force on January 1, 2002