

**Explanation of Vote by Mr. D.B.V.Varma, Director, Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, on Agenda item 73(s):Conventional arms control at the regional
and sub-regional levels on October, 28, 2003**

Mr. Chairman,

I take the floor to explain India's vote on the resolution "Conventional arms control at the regional and sub-regional levels" as contained in document A/C/58/L.10. There exists since 1993, 'guidelines and recommendations for regional approaches to disarmament within the context of global security', which were adopted by the UN Disarmament Commission on the basis of consensus. Therefore, the rationale or the need to consider formulation of principles for a framework for regional arrangements is not persuasive. India is not convinced of the productive value of calling on the Conference on Disarmament, a forum for negotiation of disarmament instruments of global application, to consider principles for a framework of regional arrangements on conventional arms control. Further, our security parameters cannot be confined to an artificially defined region. This being the case, the narrow definition of the resolution does not truly reflect the security concerns, and adopts an approach that is far too restrictive.

Thank you.

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