

India's Explanation of Vote (POST VOTING)
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L.48 Transparency in Armaments

India believes that transparency is a necessary tool for confidence building and enhancing mutual trust among States. In order to secure the widest possible participation of States and contribute effectively to the process of confidence building, measures to promote transparency in armaments should be mutually agreed upon by all States.

Measures to enhance transparency in armaments must also respect the inherent right of States to self-defense as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. Such measures cannot restrict or prejudice the legitimate right of States to acquire or produce arms for self-defense in pursuit of their national security interests.

With respect to conventional weapons, India has supported the UN Register on Conventional Arms and has regularly submitted national reports to the Register. India has participated actively in the three-yearly reviews of the Register and supports efforts for further improving the Register along with efforts towards universalizing participation. We are pleased that the GGE on United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA), chaired by India, adopted a consensus report this year. We encourage all UN Member States to participate in reporting their international transfers of conventional arms to the Register, which is a valuable voluntary, transparency and confidence-building mechanism.

India also contributed to the work of the GGE on the Standardized Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures held in 2011. India has regularly submitted its national reports to the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons as well as the CCW and its Protocols. India is also a member of the Wassenaar Arrangement since 2017.
