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ARTICLE V

Working paper submitted by China

1. The Conference emphasizes the importance of article V and reiterates that all States parties are duty-bound to consult and cooperate with one another fully in solving any problem arising in connection with the objective of the Convention or in the application of its specific articles, and to promote reciprocal trust and ensure strict, bona fide respect of the Convention's aims and objectives.
2. The Conference reiterates that the working procedures called for and decided upon at the Third and Fourth Review Conferences for applying this article remain valid, and calls on States parties to continue to deal with and resolve any problems arising in connection with the objective of the Convention or in the application of its specific articles properly in accordance with those procedures.
3. The Conference notes with approval the background information document on the participation of States parties in confidence-building measures since the Fourth Review Conference, while acknowledging that there remain some practical problems with the application of such measures, such as insufficient universality; it urges all States parties henceforth to provide full, timely notification of reciprocal confidence-building measures.
4. The Conference notes that at the present Review Conference some States parties have put forward new ideas and proposals concerning the question of confidence-building measures; it regards these proposals as constructive and meriting further research and exploration.
