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**India's Explanation of Vote (PRE-VOTING)  
Regional Disarmament Cluster  
80 UNGA First Committee, UNHQ, New York, November 2025**

**L.8: Conventional arms control at the regional and sub regional levels**

India will vote against the resolution on L.8, as well as its OP2 which requests the UN Disarmament Commission to consider the formulation of principles that can serve as a framework for regional agreements on conventional arms control.

In 1993, the UNDC had, by consensus, adopted guidelines and recommendations on regional disarmament. In 1999, the UNDC adopted guidelines on conventional arms control/limitation and disarmament (with particular emphasis on consolidation of peace in the context of General Assembly resolution 51/45 N). Further, in 2017, the UNDC adopted by consensus recommendations on "Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons"

In light of this, we fail to see what value will be added by UNDC in further deliberations on this subject, which has already been considered at length earlier by it.

Further, we believe that the security concerns of States extend beyond narrowly defined regions. Consequently, the notion of preservation of a balance in defence capabilities in the regional or sub-regional context, is both unrealistic and unacceptable.

We are, therefore, not convinced that conventional arms control, which is a global issue, needs to be pursued primarily in the regional and sub-regional contexts.

Due to this reason, India will vote against PP7.

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