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#### **General and complete disarmament: the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation**

**Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution**

#### **The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation**

*The General Assembly,*

*Concerned* about the increasing regional and global security challenges caused, inter alia, by the ongoing proliferation of ballistic missiles capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction,

*Bearing in mind* the purposes and principles of the United Nations and its role and responsibility in the field of international peace and security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

*Emphasizing* the significance of regional and international efforts to prevent and curb comprehensively the proliferation of ballistic missile systems capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction, as a contribution to international peace and security,

*Welcoming* the adoption of the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation on 25 November 2002 at The Hague,<sup>1</sup> and convinced that the Code of Conduct will contribute to enhancing transparency and confidence among States,

*Recalling* its resolutions [59/91](#) of 3 December 2004, [60/62](#) of 8 December 2005, [63/64](#) of 2 December 2008, [65/73](#) of 8 December 2010, [67/42](#) of 3 December 2012, [69/44](#) of 2 December 2014, [71/33](#) of 5 December 2016, [73/49](#) of 5 December 2018 and [75/60](#) of 7 December 2020, entitled “The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation”,

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<sup>1</sup> [A/57/724](#), enclosure.



*Recalling also* that the proliferation of ballistic missiles capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction, as recognized by the Security Council in its resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) of 28 April 2004 and subsequent resolutions, constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

*Confirming its commitment* to the Declaration on International Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, Taking into Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries, as contained in the annex to its resolution [51/122](#) of 13 December 1996,

*Recognizing* that States should not be excluded from utilizing the benefits of space for peaceful purposes, but that in reaping such benefits and in conducting related cooperation they must not contribute to the proliferation of ballistic missiles capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction,

*Noting* the continuous efforts of subscribing States to raise awareness of the Code of Conduct,

*Mindful* of the need to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,

1. *Welcomes* the fact that 143 States have so far subscribed to the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation as a practical step against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;

2. *Also welcomes* the advancement of the universalization process of the Code of Conduct, and underscores the importance of further advancing, at both the regional and the international levels, the universalization of the Code;

3. *Invites* all States that have not yet subscribed to the Code of Conduct, in particular those possessing space launch vehicle and ballistic missile capabilities and those developing corresponding national programmes, to do so, bearing in mind the right to use space for peaceful purposes;

4. *Encourages* States that have already subscribed to the Code of Conduct to make efforts to increase participation in the Code and to further improve its implementation;

5. *Notes* progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct, which contributes to enhancing transparency and building confidence among States through the submission of pre-launch notifications and annual declarations on space launch vehicle and ballistic missile policies, and underlines the importance of further steps in this direction;

6. *Encourages* the exploration of further ways and means to deal effectively with the problem of the proliferation of ballistic missiles capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction, to take the measures necessary to avoid contributing to such delivery systems, and to continue to deepen the relationship between the Code of Conduct and the United Nations;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation”.