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PRINCIPLES RECOMMENDED FOR ARMAMENTS REGULATION AND REDUCTION

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The Commission for Conventional Armaments recommends that the following principles should govern the formulation of practical proposals for the establishment of a system for the regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces:

- 1. A system for the regulation and reduction of armed forces should provide for the adherence of all States. Initially it must include at least all States having substantial military resources.
- 2. A system of regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces can only be put into effect in an atmosphere of international confidence and security. Measures for the regulation and reduction of armaments which would follow the establishment of the necessary degree of confidence might in turn be expected to increase confidence and so justify further measures of regulation and reduction.
- 3. Examples of conditions essential to such confidence and security are:
- (a) The establishment of an adequate system of agreements under Article 43 of the Charter.
 Until the agreed forces are pledged to the Security Council an essential step in establishing a system of collective security will not have been taken.
 - (b) The establishment of international control of atomic energy. It is a basic assumption of the work of the Commission for Conventional Armaments that the Atomic Energy Commission will make specific proposals for the elimination from