

dependent on the situation. In some cases, particularly in Africa, this issue has become a critical development issue in which more research and follow-up is needed."

Under "Next Steps - Key Elements of an Agenda":

"3. (b) Support and encouragement by donors for the evolution of sound regional and subregional dialogues and structures for cooperation and security.

(e) The international community needs to take parallel steps to promote harmonised, responsible behaviour in the international supply of military goods. These can include steps to:

"... seek support for broadening the acceptance and coverage of arms export, disarmament and transfer arrangements, especially in the difficult but vital area of small arms..."<sup>49</sup>

***Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting:***

In the "Disarmament and International Security" section of the Declaration issued after their meeting in New Delhi in early April 1997, the Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, *inter alia* agreed that, in the context of regional disarmament initiatives, the "question of accumulation of conventional weapons beyond legitimate requirements of states for self-defence should also be addressed, taking into account the special characteristics of each region."<sup>50</sup> The Ministers went on in paragraph 39 to "express particular concern about the proliferation of small arms...", and to urge states "to take steps to deal effectively, through administrative and legislative means, with the increasing problem of illicit transfers of weapons, particularly small arms...."

The Ministers also welcomed the growing consensus against the indiscriminate use and transfer of anti-personnel landmines and the efforts to eliminate them. At the same time they underlined that any negotiations "should take into account the legitimate right of States to use landmines against the risk of aggression until such threats have been removed or alternatives become available. They also called "for urgent and specific measures" to ensure that affected

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<sup>49</sup> DCD/DAC(97)11/REV1, paragraph 3. Note that a portion only of paragraph 3 (e) has been excerpted.

<sup>50</sup> Section H, Paragraph 35.