

Section 2. COMMITMENTS WITH REGARD TO ARMAMENTS AND TROOP STRENGTH

18. To halt the arms race in all its forms, and begin immediately negotiations on the control and reduction of the current inventory of weapons, as well as on the number of troops under arms, with the object of establishing a reasonable balance of forces in the area.

19. On the basis of the foregoing, the Parties agree on the following implementation stages:

FIRST STAGE:

- a) The Parties undertake not to acquire, after the date of the entry into force of the Act, any more military materiel, with the exception of replenishment supplies, ammunition and spare parts needed to keep existing materiel in operation, and not to increase their military forces, pending the establishment of the maximum limits for military development within the time-limit stipulated for the second stage.
- b) The Parties undertake to submit simultaneously to the Verification and Control Commission their respective current inventories of weapons, military installations and troops under arms within 15 days of the entry into force of this Act.

The inventories shall be prepared in accordance with the definitions and basic criteria contained in the Annex to this Act;

- c) Within 60 days of the entry into force of this Act, the Verification and Control Commission shall conclude the technical studies and shall suggest to the States Parties, without prejudice to any negotiations which they have agreed to initiate, the maximum limits for their military development, in accordance with the basic criteria laid down in paragraph 20 of this section and in accordance with the respective timetables for reduction and dismantling.

SECOND STAGE:

After a period of 60 days from the entry into force of this Act, the Parties shall establish within the following 30 days:

- a) Maximum limits for the types of weapons classified in the annex to this Act, as well as timetables for their reduction;
- b) Maximum limits for troops and military installations which each Party may have, as well as timetables for their reduction or dismantling;