

Categories of Confidence Building Measure

We can also gain an excellent idea of what confidence building is about by examining a comprehensive collection of CBM categories. This operationally-oriented perspective serves as a menu from which policy makers can select appropriate measures which then can be tailored to their specific needs. Although confidence building involves more than simply putting together a collection of CBMs, this is the raw stuff of policy.

Based on the careful examination of over one hundred specific confidence building proposals, we can identify the following general categories, defined by basic function:

Type A: Information and Communication CBMs

- (1) ***Information Measures*** (provision of information about military forces, facilities, structures, and activities)

Examples include: publication of defence information, weapon system and force structure information exchange, consultative commissions, publication of defence budget figures, publication of weapon system development information, doctrine and strategy seminars;

- (2) ***Communication Measures*** (provision of means of communication)

Examples include: hot lines for exchange of crisis information, joint crisis control centres, "cool lines" for the regular distribution of required and requested information

- (3) ***Notification Measures*** (provision of advance notification of specified military activities)

Examples include: advance notification of exercises, force movements, mobilizations — including associated information about forces involved;

- (4) ***Observation-of-Movement Conduct Measures*** (provision of opportunity to observe specified military activities)