

as appropriate, also extend to the political, economic, social, environmental and cultural fields.”

“Regional disarmament and arms limitation agreements should aim to reduce armaments and military forces to the lowest possible level on the basis of undiminished security of States. Forces thus reduced should be demobilized and weapons, equipment and facilities above permitted levels within a region should be disposed of by means of destruction or, where appropriate, conversion.”

- The *Guidelines for international arms transfers in the context of General Assembly resolution 46/36H of 6 December 1991* are note the need to go beyond the narrow confines of "traditional" disarmament if the problem of illicit transfers is to be effectively dealt with:

“The problem of the illicit traffic in arms has a social and humanitarian component in addition to its technical, economic and political dimensions. The human suffering that is caused, inter alia, by the devastating consequences of war, destabilizing violence and conflicts, terrorism, mercenary activities, subversion, drug trafficking, common and organized crime and other criminal actions cannot be ignored. The negative effects of illicit arms trafficking can often be disproportionately large, particularly for the internal security and socio-economic development of affected States....”<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> A/51/42, annex I, para. 3 (1996).