

Such a prospect would have as a corollary the need to strengthen and formalize the unilateral non-proliferation regimes. Inevitably, this would entail greater obstacles to trade and transfers of technology that would penalize countries abiding by their commitments, particularly developing countries.

All in all, if this convention did not exist, that would encourage the pursuit of unilateral actions, including the use of force, instead of multilateral action of benefit to States complying with the agreed measures.

It is for the reasons set out above that France considers that this draft convention, as an historic achievement of the Conference on Disarmament, should now be transmitted to the United Nations General Assembly, and that the Assembly should recommend the signing of the convention at an early date.

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