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**ARTICLE 26**

**TEXT OF ARTICLE 26**

In order to promote the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources, the Security Council shall be responsible for formulating, with the assistance of the Military Staff Committee referred to in Article 47, plans to be submitted to the Members of the United Nations for the establishment of a system for the regulation of armaments.

**NOTE**

1. During the period under review, none of the resolutions and presidential statements adopted by the Security Council contained any explicit references to Article 26.
2. The Article was explicitly referred to several times in the deliberations of the Council.<sup>1</sup>
3. Two explicit references to Article 26 were also found in communications from Member States.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For instance, in connection with small arms, see S/PV.5127 (Resumption 1), p.14 (Costa Rica). Also, in connection with the maintenance of international peace and security, see S/PV.6017, p.2 (Costa Rica) and p.5 (Viet Nam) and S/PV.6017 (Resumption 1), p.3 (Ecuador).

<sup>2</sup> For instance, see letter dated 10 November 2008 from the representative of Costa Rica (S/2008/697, Annex). See also letter dated 13 February 2009 from the representative of Costa Rica (S/2009/96, Annex).

4. For detailed information regarding the Council's practice on Article 26, as described in paragraphs 1 to 3 above, see chapter XII of the fifteenth supplement and part V of the sixteenth supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*:

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07\\_12.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2004-2007/04-07_12.pdf) (during 2004-2007); and

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2008-2009/Part%20V/08-09\\_Part%20V.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2008-2009/Part%20V/08-09_Part%20V.pdf) (during 2008-2009). In the period covered by the fourteenth supplement (2000-2003), there were no instances in which Article 26 was implicitly or explicitly invoked in the proceedings of the Council.