

ARTICLE 26

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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. No decisions requiring treatment under this Article were taken by the organs of the United Nations during the period under review.
2. At the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, in connexion with the consideration of the item "The strengthening of international security",¹ a resolution was adopted which contained language similar to that of Article 26. This was General Assembly resolution 2606 (XXIV), adopted at the 1836th plenary meeting on 16 December 1969, which, *inter alia*, contained the following wording:²

"*Deeply concerned* at the continuance of the arms race, which diverts substantial human and material resources from the urgent social and economic needs of the vast majority of mankind and in itself constitutes a continuing threat to peace and security".

3. In the course of the consideration of this item, incidental references, both explicit³ and implicit,⁴ were made to Article 26.

¹ G A (XXIV), Annexes, a.i. 103.

² G A resolution 2606 (XXIV), 6th preamb. para.

³ G A (XXIV), 1st Com., 1661st mtg., Mexico, para 112; 1667th mtg., India, para. 146.

⁴ G A (XXIV), 1st Com., 1663rd mtg., Iran, paras. 136-145.