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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.<sup>2</sup>

2. In one instance, Council members did address the issues of disarmament, arms control and weapons of mass destruction in a presidential statement,<sup>3</sup> at a meeting held at the level of Heads of State and Government, in connection with the agenda item entitled “The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security”. At the same meeting, two representatives made explicit references to Article 26,

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<sup>1</sup> At the bilateral meeting between the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs and the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs, on 11 March 2011, it was agreed that in order to expedite the elimination of the backlog in volume III, studies on *Supplements 7, 8 and 9* of the volume would be merged.

<sup>2</sup> See, for instance, eleventh supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (1989-1992), chapter XII, part V “Consideration of the provisions of Article 26 of the Charter”; pp. 989-990.

<sup>3</sup> S/23500, pp. 4-5.

in regard to the Council's role in the areas of arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament, but no constitutional discussion ensued in this instance.<sup>4</sup>

3. For detailed information regarding the functions and powers of the Council, including its practice in connection with Article 26, (referred to in paragraph 2 above), see Chapter XII of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*:

[http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/89-92/89-92\\_12.pdf#page=47](http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/89-92/89-92_12.pdf#page=47) (during 1989-92).

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<sup>4</sup> S/PV.3046, pp. 64-65 (Austria) and pp. 127-128 (Zimbabwe).