



- The State of Qatar supports and continues to encourage measures that aim at confidence-building at the regional and subregional levels through the United Nations Disarmament Commission, the Conference on Disarmament, the First committee of the General Assembly (Disarmament and International Security) and other important disarmament fora.
- In this respect, the State of Qatar encourages the adoption of resolutions in the First Committee and the implementation of measures that aim to reinforce the international efforts for disarmament and non-proliferation.
- The mandate of the Security Council is the maintenance of international peace and security according to Article 24 (1) of the United Nations Charter. While the work of the Security Council is concerned with peacekeeping operations, which are some cases established under Chapter VII of the Charter, those resolutions adopted under Article 33 of the Charter are also important.
- In fact, the Government of the State of Qatar is convinced that the resolution of conflicts between states as provided for in Article 33 should be encouraged in order to avoid resort to Chapter VII at later stages.
- Moreover, the promotion of conflict resolution according to Article 33 of the Charter will help promote the implementation of the United Nations Declaration and Programme of Action for a Culture of Peace, included in General Assembly resolution 53/243, and can be considered to interpret Article 33, which considers the Security Council the principal organ responsible for conflict prevention and peaceful settlement.

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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.



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