

AG/RES. 2145 (XXXV-O/05)

DENYING MANPADS TO TERRORISTS: CONTROL AND SECURITY
OF MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS)

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 7, 2005)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly, in particular the section related to hemispheric security issues (AG/doc.4376/05 add. 5);

RECALLING its resolutions AG/RES. 1642 (XXIX-O/99), AG/RES. 1744 (XXX-O/00), AG/RES. 1796 (XXXI-O/01), AG/RES. 1797 (XXXI-O/01), AG/RES. 1888 (XXXII-O/02), and AG/RES. 1968 (XXXIII-O/03);

RECALLING ALSO its resolution AG/RES. 1 (XXIV-E/97), in which it resolved to adopt and open for signature the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (CIFTA), whose scope includes any “weapon or destructive device such as any explosive, incendiary or gas bomb, grenade, rocket, rocket launcher, missile, missile system, or mine”;

RECOGNIZING:

United Nations General Assembly resolution 59/90, “Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of man-portable air defence systems,” adopted in December 2004, through which states are urged to support current international, regional, and national efforts to combat and prevent the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS), and which stresses the importance of effective and comprehensive national controls on the production, stockpiling, transfer, and brokering of MANPADS; and

The commitment by states at the United Nations to take concrete steps to combat the threat posed by MANPADS, including increased regional cooperation to this end;

BEARING IN MIND the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;

NOTING the efforts of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) at its 35th session, held in Montreal, Canada, in October 2004, regarding measures needed to mitigate the threat posed by unauthorized use of MANPADS, especially cooperative regional actions;

TAKING NOTE of the Declaration of Quito, adopted at the Sixth Conference of Ministers of Defense of the Americas, which recognizes “the threat posed to civil aviation by the possible use of manportable air defense systems (MANPADS) by terrorist groups”;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the commitment made by the member states of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE), at its fifth regular session, held in February 2005 in

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, “to strengthen multilateral efforts to prevent terrorist threats against all transportation systems and confront the threat posed by terrorists’ acquisition and use of man portable air defense systems (MANPADS) as well as other potential threats against international civil aviation”;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION ALSO the progress of the Central American countries within the framework of the Program for Arms Limitation and Control for Reaching a Reasonable Balance of Forces and Promoting Stability, Mutual Confidence and Transparency in Central America, which includes, *inter alia*, concrete actions such as the process of gradual weapons reduction, initiated voluntarily;

RECOGNIZING:

The threat posed to international civil aviation by the illicit transfer or unauthorized acquisition and use of MANPADS—surface-to-air missile systems specifically designed to be carried and fired by a single individual or individuals; and

That the ease with which MANPADS are transported and concealed heightens the risk of their illicit use;

NOTING WITH CONCERN that the number of MANPADS in worldwide circulation increases the likelihood of MANPADS falling into the hands of terrorists; and

UNDERSCORING:

The urgent need to confront the threat posed to international civil aviation by the acquisition or use of MANPADS by terrorists; and

The need to ensure and maintain effective physical security and management of MANPADS stockpiles to prevent unauthorized retransfer, loss, theft, diversion, or use of MANPADS,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge member states to adopt and maintain strict national controls and security measures on man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) and their essential components.

2. To urge member states to ban all transfers of MANPADS and their essential components to non-state end users because MANPADS should be exported only to foreign governments or to agents authorized by a government.

3. To urge member states to destroy surplus MANPADS as determined by each member state and secure and effectively manage remaining national stockpiles, and to provide, if in a position to do so, technical assistance to aid other member states, at their request, in collecting, securing, managing, and destroying stockpiles of excess MANPADS.

4. To urge all member states to consider applying the recommended guidelines for control and security of MANPADS as defined in the appended document, which is an integral part of this resolution.

5. To request the Permanent Council to convene a meeting at the level of the Committee on Hemispheric Security and in coordination with the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) and the Consultative Committee of the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (CIFTA), prior to the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, on effective strategies to mitigate the threat posed by MANPADS.

6. To instruct the Permanent Council to carry out the activities mentioned in this resolution, in accordance with the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

7. To request the Permanent Council to report to the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly on the implementation of this resolution.