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The extension of the scope of the Ottawa Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rochebloine and others

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only the members who have signed it

1. While the Ottawa Convention, which has been ratified by 149 countries, is a real advance towards the prohibition of the use of anti-personnel mines and towards their destruction, the definition of these arms in the convention is, unfortunately, too restrictive. Technological advances have led to the emergence of other weapons which are equally dangerous for civilians.

A similarity exists, for instance, between anti-personnel mines and submunitions, which are destructive weapons that are triggered in the same way.

- 2. It would therefore seem appropriate to extend the scope of the ban on anti-personnel mines by defining them as any weapon designed to incapacitate, injure or kill, whose destructive force is triggered by an individual unintentionally coming into contact with the weapon or with a device linked to it, which is either separate from or part of it.
- 3. The Assembly should encourage its member states in which the convention applies to seek to ensure comprehensive and effective implementation of the text. It should also promote the extension of the scope of the convention to include new weapons which are similar to anti-personnel mines in terms of their destructive force and method of triggering.

Signed (see overleaf)

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