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a) Culture of Peace

- The States assume the commitment to promote a culture of peace through the field of education at all levels and through its diffusion with the participation of the citizenry.

b) Training Customs and Police Personnel

- To decisively support any initiative to get necessary resources for the implementation and systemic training of both customs and police personnel responsible for fighting against illicit trafficking of weapons at national, regional and international levels.
- Promote the application of the concept of "commentary police" by the corresponding police institutions of the region, as a way to urge a more active participation with society.

c) Collection and destruction of weapons

- Encourage the voluntary collection of weapons possessed by private individuals and promote the destruction of legally confiscated surplus weapons in stock and suggest July the 9th, as the official UN "International day of weapons destruction", being the ideal date for its diffusion.

