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The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific has been carrying out many useful activities in encouraging regional and subregional dialogue for the enhancement of openness, transparency and confidence-building, as well as the promotion of disarmament and security through the organization of regional meetings, which has come to be widely known within the Asia-Pacific region as the “Kathmandu process”.

The above language is taken from the fourth preambular paragraph of General Assembly resolution 55/34 H, entitled “United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific”. Paragraph 2 of the same resolution underlines the importance of the Kathmandu process as a powerful vehicle for the development of the practice of region-wide security and disarmament dialogue.

Calendar of meetings organized by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific on topics devoted to confidence-building measures

2. National security and building of confidence among nations in the Asia-Pacific Region, 1-3 February 1993