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In particular, the ARF endeavours to promote cooperative security through confidence-building, preventive diplomacy and the development of conflict resolution mechanisms. The ARF process is a reaffirmation of the primary role of political and diplomatic approaches of maintaining regional peace and security.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations considers it a privilege and a serious responsibility to be the primary driving force of this important endeavour as its contribution towards world peace.

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