

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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1147 (XII). Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of problems relating to the effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955 by which the General Assembly established a Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and entrusted to it among others the task of collating in its report information on radiation effects on man and his environment,

1. *Calls upon* all concerned to continue their co-operation in making available information within the sphere of the terms of reference of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;

2. *Requests* the Committee to complete its report at the earliest possible date and to make that report available to all Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to the second conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee, to consider the question of the strengthening and widening of scientific activities in this field, taking into account in this connexion the discussion of this item at the twelfth session of the General Assembly, including the proposals submitted thereunder, and to report to the Assembly at its thirteenth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its thirteenth session the report of the Committee;

5. *Transmits* to the Committee the records of the discussion in the First Committee of the item entitled "Effects of atomic radiation."

*715th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

1148 (XII). Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 808 (IX) of 4 November 1954,

Emphasizing the urgency of decreasing the danger of war and improving the prospects of a durable peace through achieving international agreement on reduction, limitation and open inspection of armaments and armed forces,

Welcoming the narrowing of differences which has resulted from the extensive negotiations in the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission,

Believing that immediate, carefully measured steps can be taken for partial measures of disarmament and that such steps will facilitate further measures of disarmament,

1. *Urges* that the States concerned, and particularly those which are members of the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission, give priority to reaching a disarmament agreement which, upon its entry into force, will provide for the following:

(a) The immediate suspension of testing of nuclear weapons with prompt installation of effective international control, including inspection posts equipped with appropriate scientific instruments located within the territories of the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Pacific Ocean areas, and at other points as required;

(b) The cessation of the production of fissionable materials for weapons purposes and the complete devotion of future production of fissionable materials to

non-weapons purposes under effective international control;

(c) The reduction of stocks of nuclear weapons through a programme of transfer, on an equitable and reciprocal basis and under international supervision, of stocks of fissionable material from weapons uses to non-weapons uses;

(d) The reduction of armed forces and armaments through adequate, safeguarded arrangements;

(e) The progressive establishment of open inspection with ground and aerial components to guard against the possibility of surprise attack;

(f) The joint study of an inspection system designed to ensure that the sending of objects through outer space shall be exclusively for peaceful and scientific purposes;

2. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to reconvene its Sub-Committee as soon as feasible for this purpose;

3. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to invite its Sub-Committee to establish, as one of its first tasks, a group or groups of technical experts to study inspection systems for disarmament measures on which the Sub-Committee may reach agreement in principle and to report to it within a fixed period;

4. *Recommends* that any such technical group or groups be composed of one expert from each of the States members of the Sub-Committee and one from each of three other States Members of the United Nations which shall be designated by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Sub-Committee;

5. *Invites* the States concerned, and particularly those which are members of the Sub-Committee, to consider the possibility of devoting, out of the funds made available as a result of disarmament, as and when sufficient progress is made, additional resources to the improvement of living conditions throughout the world and especially in the less developed countries;

6. *Requests* the Sub-Committee to report to the Disarmament Commission by 30 April 1958 on the progress achieved.

*716th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

1149 (XII). Collective action to inform and enlighten the peoples of the world as to the dangers of the armaments race, and particularly as to the destructive effects of modern weapons

The General Assembly,

Considering that the armaments race, owing to advances of nuclear science and other modern forms of technology, creates means whereby unprecedented devastation might be inflicted upon the entire world, and that peoples of all countries should be made to realize this,

Considering that any agreement, whether partial or general, on the regulation of armaments necessarily implies adequate international control,

Considering consequently that public opinion must be made aware both of the effects of modern weapons of all kinds and of the necessity of reaching a disarmament agreement providing effective measures of control,

Considering that it is therefore desirable to seek ways and means of organizing an effective and continuing

publicity campaign on a world-wide scale, under the auspices of the United Nations and disregarding all ideological or political considerations,

1. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to make recommendations on the nature of the information to be disseminated and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the means available for conducting such an international campaign;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish the Disarmament Commission whatever assistance it may request for this purpose;

3. *Invites* Member States to communicate to the Disarmament Commission or to the Secretary-General in good time any views they may see fit to submit as to the scope and content of the proposed campaign.

*716th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

1150 (XII). Enlargement of the membership of the Disarmament Commission¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 502 (VI) of 11 January 1952 establishing the Disarmament Commission,

1. *Decides* to enlarge the Disarmament Commission by the addition of fourteen Member States which, for the first year, from 1 January 1958 to 1 January 1959 shall be: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, India, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Tunisia and Yugoslavia;

2. *Transmits* to the Disarmament Commission the records of the proceedings of the First Committee during the twelfth session of the General Assembly at which disarmament was discussed.

*719th plenary meeting,
19 November 1957.*

1180 (XII). The Korean question

The General Assembly,

Having received and noted the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,²

Recalling its resolutions 195 (III) of 12 December 1948, 498 (V) of 1 February 1951, 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, 910 (X) of 29 November 1955 and 1010 (XI) of 11 January 1957,

Noting that the Armistice Agreement of 27 July 1953³ remains in effect,

1. *Reaffirms* that the objectives of the United Nations are to bring about by peaceful means the establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government, and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area;

¹ This resolution was submitted directly in plenary meeting and adopted by the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the First Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 24, document A/3729.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/3672).*

³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1953, document S/3079, appendix A.*