

QUESTION RELATING TO MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Resolution 255 (1968)

of 19 June 1968

The Security Council,

Noting with appreciation the desire of a large number of States to subscribe to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,⁴² and thereby to undertake not to receive the transfer from any transferor whatsoever of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or of control over such weapons or explosive devices directly or indirectly, not to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and not to seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

Taking into consideration the concern of certain of these States that, in conjunction with their adherence to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, appropriate measures be undertaken to safeguard their security,

Bearing in mind that any aggression accompanied by the use of nuclear weapons would endanger the peace and security of all States,

⁴² General Assembly resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

1. *Recognizes* that aggression with nuclear weapons or the threat of such aggression against a non-nuclear-weapon State would create a situation in which the Security Council, and above all its nuclear-weapon State permanent members, would have to act immediately in accordance with their obligations under the United Nations Charter;

2. *Welcomes* the intention expressed by certain States that they will provide or support immediate assistance, in accordance with the Charter, to any non-nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons that is a victim of an act or an object of a threat of aggression in which nuclear weapons are used;

3. *Reaffirms* in particular the inherent right, recognized under Article 51 of the Charter, of individual and collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security.

Adopted at the 1433rd meeting by 10 votes to none, with 5 abstentions (Algeria, Brazil, France, India and Pakistan).

QUESTION CONCERNING CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Decisions

At its 1441st meeting, on 21 August 1968, the Council decided to invite the representative of Czechoslovakia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled: "Letter dated 21 August 1968 from the representatives of Canada, Denmark, France, Paraguay, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8758)".⁴³

At its 1442nd meeting, on 22 August 1968, the Council decided to invite the representative of Bulgaria to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

⁴³ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1968.*

At its 1442nd meeting, on 22 August 1968, the Council decided to adjourn for consultations until 5 p.m.

Adopted by 10 votes to none, with 5 abstentions (Algeria, Hungary, India, Pakistan and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

At its 1443rd meeting, on 22 August 1968, the Council decided to invite the representative of Poland to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.