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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE FOURTEENTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM PROPOSED BY THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT:

- (a) REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION: LETTER DATED
11 SEPTEMBER 1959 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISARMAMENT
COMMISSION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

Note by the Secretary-General

Following the action taken by the Disarmament Commission at its 65th meeting held on 10 September 1959, the Secretary-General has the honour to request the inclusion of the following item in the agenda of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly:

"Question of disarmament:

- (a) Report of the Disarmament Commission: letter dated
11 September 1959 from the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission to
the Secretary-General."

The texts of the letter from the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission and of the resolution referred to therein are attached.

The Secretary-General draws attention to the fact that there have been proposed for inclusion in the agenda a number of items which have a bearing on disarmament matters. The Assembly may wish to consider some or all of these items under the general heading "Question of disarmament".

LETTER DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1959 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISARMAMENT
COMMISSION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to the 65th meeting of the Disarmament Commission which was convened on 10 September 1959, in accordance with the procedures laid down in General Assembly resolution 1252 D (XIII), at the request of the Permanent representative of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Commission considered the letter and the communiqué of the afcrementioned Powers dated 7 September 1959 (DC/144) and a draft resolution (DC/145) submitted by Ceylon, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Ireland, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia. This draft resolution was unanimously adopted.

I have the honour to submit herewith the text of the resolution (DC/146) and to draw attention to operative paragraph 5 in which the Disarmament Commission requests the Secretary-General to provide appropriate facilities for the proposed consultations.

I also have the honour to draw attention to operative paragraph 6 which recommends to the General Assembly ~~that~~ the Disarmament Commission as set up in General Assembly resolution 1252 (XIII) should continue in being and be convened whenever deemed necessary.

I would request that you be good enough to transmit the resolution of the Disarmament Commission (DC/146) to the General Assembly and the Security Council. The verbatim record of the 65th meeting is contained in DC/PV.65.

(Signed) Luis PADILLA NERVO
Chairman

Disarmament Commission

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Resolution adopted by the Disarmament Commission at its 65th
meeting on 10 September 1959

The Disarmament Commission,

Recognizing that ultimate responsibility for general disarmament measures is vested in the United Nations by its Charter,

1. Takes note of the communication addressed to the Secretary-General on 7 September 1959 on behalf of the Governments of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States, and the four-Power communiqué appended to that communication;
2. Welcomes the resumption of the consultations announced in the communiqué
3. Welcomes the declared intention of the countries concerned to keep the Disarmament Commission appropriately informed of the progress of their deliberations;
4. Expresses the hope that the results achieved in these deliberations will provide a useful basis for the consideration of disarmament in the United Nations;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide appropriate facilities for the proposed consultations;
6. Recommends to the General Assembly that the Disarmament Commission as set up in General Assembly resolution 1252 (XIII) should continue in being and be convened whenever deemed necessary.
