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DISARMAMENT AND THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE FULFILMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1378 (XIV) OF 20 NOVEMBER 1959 ON THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT

SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMO-NUCLEAR TESTS

PREVENTION OF THE WIDER DISSEMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Report of the First Committee (PART II)

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1. At the 1136th meeting of the First Committee on 21 March 1961, the representative of the United States proposed that the Committee defer until some later stage the resumed consideration of the question of disarmament, on which consultations had been taking place since the resumption of the session. It was so decided.

2. At the 1141st meeting on 30 March 1961, the representatives of the USSR and the United States made statements concerning an understanding reached between their Governments on further exchanges of views during June and July 1961 on questions relating to disarmament and to the resumption of negotiations in an appropriate body, whose composition was to be agreed upon. An understanding had also been reached to inform the sixteenth session of the General Assembly of the progress made.

3. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.1/L.267) whereby the General Assembly would: (1) take note of the statements made by the heads of the delegations of the Soviet Union and the United States on the question of disarmament and (2) decide to take up for consideration the problem of disarmament and all pending proposals relating to it at its sixteenth session.

4. The representatives of Ethiopia and Sudan, while supporting the joint draft resolution, reserved the position of their delegations with respect to the draft resolution of which they were co-sponsors, as they did not consider it was connected with disarmament as such.

5. At the same meeting, the draft resolution submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America (A/C.1/L.267) was adopted unanimously.

Recommendation of the First Committee

6. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Takes note of the statements made by the Heads of the delegations of the Soviet Union and the United States on the question of disarmament, and

Decides to take up for consideration the problem of disarmament, and all pending proposals relating to it at its sixteenth session.