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CONTINUATION OF SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMO-NUCLEAR TESTS
AND OBLIGATIONS OF STATES TO REFRAIN FROM THEIR RENEWAL

THE URGENT NEED FOR A TREATY TO BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS
UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL

Report of the First Committee

(Part II)

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1. In part I of the report of the First Committee (A/4942), dealing with items 73 and 72 of the agenda of the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, a brief account was given in the first four paragraphs of the inclusion of these items in the agenda of the General Assembly and the manner in which the First Committee decided to deal with them.
2. In addition to the substantive draft resolutions and amendments referred to in paragraph 5 of part I of the report, the following documents, related to the substantive draft resolutions, were submitted to the Committee: amendments by Senegal (A/C.1/L.293) to the draft resolution submitted by Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan and United Arab Republic (A/C.1/L.291); an addendum to this draft resolution (A/C.1/L.291/Add.1), an addendum to the amendment by Senegal (A/C.1/L.293/Add.1 and Corr.1) and an addendum (A/C.1/L.292/Add.1) to the nine-Power draft resolution (A/C.1/L.292).
3. As already mentioned in part I of the report of the Committee, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.288/Rev.1 was adopted at its 1177th meeting on 25 October 1961. The Committee then resumed its general debate on items 73 and 72 and continued it during the 1178th and 1179th meetings.

4. At its 1179th meeting on 27 October, the representative of Ethiopia moved, under rule 117 of the rules of procedure, that the Committee decide to adjourn temporarily the general debate on items 73 and 72 in order to undertake immediately discussion of the draft resolution submitted by Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Nepal, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia (A/C.1/L.283/Rev.2 and Add.1), and to act on it.

The Ethiopian motion was subsequently put to the vote and adopted by a roll-call vote of 44 to 22, with 29 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cameroun, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, China, Costa Rica, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, El Salvador, Federation of Malaya, Finland, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

5. The Committee considered the six-Power draft resolution and the amendments thereto from its 1180th to 1185th meetings held between 30 October and 2 November.

6. Under the terms of the six-Power draft resolution, the General Assembly would: (1) express its deep concern and profound regret that test explosions had been resumed; (2) earnestly urge the Powers concerned to refrain from further test explosions pending the conclusion of necessary internationally binding agreements in regard to tests or general and complete disarmament; and (3) call upon the

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Powers concerned to engage themselves with urgency and speed in the necessary efforts to conclude such agreements expeditiously. On 24 October, Afghanistan submitted an amendment (A/C.1/L.289/Rev.1) to the six-Power draft resolution, proposing to add the following as the fourth paragraph in the preamble:

"Deeply concerned over the circumstances that have led the nuclear Powers to resume test explosions". On 2 November, the representative of Afghanistan orally revised the Afghan amendment to read: "Deeply concerned over the international tension that has led the nuclear Powers to resume nuclear test explosions".

On the same date, the representative of Ghana submitted an oral sub-amendment to the revised Afghan amendment, whereby the latter would read: "Deeply concerned over the decisions of the nuclear Powers to resume test explosions". On 31 October, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Peru and Venezuela submitted amendments (A/C.1/L.294) to the six-Power draft resolution, proposing the addition of the following as operative paragraph 3, and renumbering the third operative paragraph as paragraph 4: "Expresses confidence that the States concerned will reach agreement as soon as possible on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control;".

7. At its 1185th meeting on 2 November, the Committee proceeded to the vote on the six-Power draft resolution and the amendments thereto. On the joint draft resolution itself, the representative of the United Kingdom and Peru requested separate votes on the preambular paragraphs as a whole, on each of the operative paragraphs and on the words "or general and complete disarmament" in operative paragraph 2. The voting was as follows:

The Ghana oral amendment was rejected by a roll-call vote of 59 to 14, with 28 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Yugoslavia.

Against: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian SSR, Cameroun, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand,

Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukrainian SSR, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States, and Uruguay.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Federation of Malaya, Finland, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Spain, Syria, United Arab Republic, Venezuela and Yemen.

The Afghanistan revised oral amendment was rejected by a roll-call vote of 61 to 19, with 21 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussian SSR, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Guinea, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Tunisia, Ukrainian SSR, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic.

Against: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroun, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Costa Rica, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Federation of Malaya, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Laos, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Abstaining: Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Niger, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

The seven-Power amendments (A/C.1/L.294) were adopted by a roll-call vote of 86 to 10, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroun, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen.

Against: Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Cuba, France, Indonesia, Iraq, Yugoslavia.

The preambular paragraphs of the joint draft resolution were adopted by

72 votes to none, with 25 abstentions.

The first operative paragraph was adopted by 83 votes to none, with 17 abstentions.

The words "or general and complete disarmament" in operative paragraph 2 were deleted by a roll-call vote of 36 in favour of their retention to 43 against, with 22 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Ceylon, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Federation of Malaya, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Austria, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroun, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ecuador, Finland, France, Haiti, Hungary, Ivory Coast, Laos, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Togo.

The remainder of operative paragraph 2 was adopted by a roll-call vote of 69 to 21, with 11 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroun, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Albania, Australia, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Belgium, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Philippines, Portugal, Thailand.

The last operative paragraph, renumbered as paragraph 4, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 81 to 10, with 10 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroun, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Cuba, France, Greece, Haiti, Luxembourg, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, United States of America.

The joint draft resolution as a whole, and as amended, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 72 to 21, with 8 abstentions. The vote was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroun, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia,

Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Albania, Australia, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Belgium, Cuba, Haiti, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Turkey.

Recommendation of the First Committee

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

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The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 1577 (XV) of 20 December 1960 which urged the Powers concerned to continue the suspension of test explosions, and also resolution 1578 (XV),

Further recalling resolution 1379 (XIV),

Bearing in mind both the grave and continuing hazards of radiation resulting to humanity from test explosions as well as their adverse consequences to the prospects of world peace through heightening rather than lessening of international tensions,

Considering it urgent and imperative that no further tests should take place,

1. Expresses its deep concern and profound regret that test explosions have been resumed;
2. Earnestly urges the Powers concerned to refrain from further test explosions pending the conclusion of necessary internationally binding agreements in regard to tests;
3. Expresses confidence that the States concerned will reach agreement as soon as possible on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control;
4. Calls upon the Powers concerned to engage themselves with urgency and speed in the necessary efforts to conclude such agreements expeditiously.
