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THE PREVENTION OF THE WIDER DISSEMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Report of the First Committee

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1. On 16 August 1961, Ireland requested the inclusion in the agenda of the sixteenth session of the General Assembly of the item entitled "The prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons" (A/4845).
2. On 21 September, the General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the item in the agenda and on 22 September recommended its allocation to the First Committee (A/4882).
3. On 25 September 1961 the General Assembly, at its 1014th meeting, adopted the recommendation of the General Committee to include the aforementioned item in the agenda and, on 27 September 1961 at its 1018th meeting, referred the item to the First Committee for consideration.
4. At its 1170th meeting on 19 October 1961, the First Committee decided that the question be considered as the fourth item on its agenda.
5. On 17 November 1961, Ireland submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.298), revised on 29 November (A/C.1/L.298/Rev.1), by which the General Assembly would:
(1) call on all States and in particular on the States at present possessing nuclear weapons to use their best endeavours to secure the conclusion of an international agreement containing provisions under which the nuclear States would undertake to refrain from relinquishing control of nuclear weapons and from transmitting the information necessary for their manufacture to States not possessing such weapons and provisions under which States not possessing nuclear weapons would undertake not to manufacture or otherwise acquire control of such weapons; (2) urge all States to co-operate to these ends.

6. The item was considered at the 1208th and 1209th meetings of the First Committee on 30 November 1961.
7. At the 1209th meeting of the Committee, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

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 its resolutions 1380 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 and 1576 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

Convinced that an increase in the number of States possessing nuclear weapons is growing more imminent and threatens to extend and intensify the arms race, to increase the difficulties of avoiding war and of establishing international peace and security based on the rule of law,

Believing in the necessity of an international agreement, subject to inspection and control, whereby the Powers producing nuclear weapons would refrain from relinquishing control of such weapons to any nation not possessing them and whereby Powers not possessing such weapons would refrain from manufacturing them,

1. Calls on all States and in particular on the States at present possessing nuclear weapons to use their best endeavours to secure the conclusion of an international agreement containing provisions under which the nuclear States would undertake to refrain from relinquishing control of nuclear weapons and from transmitting the information necessary for their manufacture to States not possessing such weapons and provisions under which States not possessing nuclear weapons would undertake not to manufacture or otherwise acquire control of such weapons;

2. Urges all States to co-operate to these ends.