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LETTER DATED 28 MARCH 1962 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE ACTING  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

Referring to our note No. 1524/62 dated 27 March 1962 pertaining to  
resolution 1653 (XVI), I have the honour to request that the above note be  
circulated as a document of the United Nations.

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No. 1524/62

The Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the letter No. PO 130 dated 2 January 1962 in which the latter requests, pursuant to resolution 1653 (XVI), that Governments of Member States be asked for their opinions regarding the possibility of convening a separate conference at which a convention on the prohibition of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons for military purposes would be signed. On instruction of the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic the Deputy Permanent Representative has the honour to advise the following:

At the sixteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Czechoslovak delegation actively supported the draft Declaration on the Prohibition of Nuclear and Thermo-nuclear Weapons and voted for its adoption.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, which suffered the bitter experience of two world wars, is vitally interested in the speediest possible realization of all measures that might diminish or remove the danger of war. The most reliable road to the definite elimination of the danger of a nuclear war and to the consistent prevention of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons for all times is the achievement of general and complete disarmament under reliable international control which would lead to the liquidation of all material means for waging wars which individual States have at their disposal. Measures which would contribute to the lessening of tension in international relations and to the strengthening of confidence among States can be of considerable importance for the creation of suitable conditions for the achievement of an agreement on general and complete disarmament.

The proposal contained in resolution 1653 (XVI) for the convocation of an international conference at which an international convention on the prohibition of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons would be signed, belongs no doubt among

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such measures. Such a convention would contribute to the aversion of the danger of a nuclear and thermo-nuclear war and would constitute an important step on the road towards the solution of the problem of general and complete disarmament.

The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic considers the proposal to convene an international conference and to sign a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons as an important measure on the road to the elimination of the danger of a nuclear war, to the solution of the problem of general and complete disarmament and the safeguarding of peace in the world.

New York, 27 March 1962

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