

UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY



Distr. . .
GENERAL

A/5115
12 April 1962

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

NOTE VERABLE DATED 9 APRIL 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF HUNGARY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General, and has the honour to request that the letter of 30 March 1962, addressed to the Secretary-General by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hungarian People's Republic, in reply to the Secretary-General's letter of 2 January 1962 concerning General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI), be circulated as an official United Nations document.

Budapest, 30 March 1962.

Excellency,

With reference to your letter PO 130 of 2 January 1962 requesting, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI), the views of the Hungarian Government on the convocation of a conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons for war purposes, I wish to communicate the following:

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic, being a consistent advocate of general and complete disarmament, will lend, as it did in the past, its support to any measures and initiatives conducive to the realization of this objective. The prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons would contribute towards the conclusion of an agreement on the complete prohibition of such weapons, consequently towards easing international tension and establishing an atmosphere of mutual confidence, so as to create favourable conditions for negotiations on general and complete disarmament. Reaching such an agreement is an obligation of the United Nations arising out of the principles laid down in the Charter, and is in accordance with the requirements of international law.

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic, guided by the elementary interests of the Hungarian people and of the whole of mankind, demands the banning of nuclear weapons and regards as a step towards this objective the resolution adopted at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly requesting the Secretary-General to ascertain the views of the Governments of Member States on the possibility of convening a special conference for the prohibition of nuclear weapons. In line with the foregoing, the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic will continue to attach great importance to such a conference particularly in view of the desirability of moving also the other nuclear Powers to renounce, like the Soviet Union, the use of these powerful weapons of mass destruction. The results of international negotiations prior to World War Two also render proof of the possibility of reaching and even observing international agreements on the prohibition of weapons of mass annihilation.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) János PÉTER
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Hungarian People's Republic

H.E. Mr. U Thant
Acting Secretary-General
United Nations Organization
New York, N.Y.
