



Seventeenth session
Agenda item 26

QUESTION OF CONVENING A CONFERENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIGNING A CONVENTION
ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR WEAPONS: REPORT
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Report of the First Committee

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1. General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI) of 24 November 1961 requested the Secretary-General to consult the Governments of Member States to ascertain their views on the possibility of convening a special conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons for war purposes and to report on the results of such consultation to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.
2. In pursuance of this resolution, on 2 January 1962, the Acting Secretary-General requested Member Governments to state their views. On 30 August 1962, a report was submitted to the General Assembly (A/5174) transmitting the views of fifty-eight Member Governments, which had responded to the request. On 20 September 1962, an addendum to this report was issued (A/5174/Add.1) transmitting the views of two more Member Governments.
3. In its report of 21 September (A/5230), the General Committee recommended the inclusion in the agenda of the seventeenth session of an item entitled "Question of convening a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons: report of the Secretary-General", and its allocation to the First Committee.
4. On 24 September, the General Assembly at its 1129th meeting adopted the recommendation of the General Committee and referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report.

5. On 5 October, the First Committee at its 1245th meeting decided to consider the question as the fourth item on its agenda. It was considered at the 1285th to 1288th meetings of the Committee.
6. On 28 November, a joint draft resolution was submitted by Afghanistan, Algeria, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Tunisia, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia (A/C.1/L.319), subsequently joined by Iraq, Mauritania and Morocco (A/C.1/L.319/Add.1). By the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to consult further the Governments of Member States to ascertain their views on the possibility of convening a special conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons for war purposes and to report on the results of such consultation to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session.
7. At the 1288th meeting on 29 November, the Committee voted on the twenty-one Power draft resolution (A/C.1/L.319 and Add.1). The draft resolution was adopted by 50 votes to none, with 26 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Question of convening a conference for the purpose
of signing a convention on the prohibition of the
use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of convening a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons,^{1/}

Having regard to the usefulness of further consultation with Governments of Member States on this question,

Requests the Secretary-General to consult further the Governments of Member States to ascertain their views on the possibility of convening a special conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons for war purposes and to report on the results of such consultation to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session.