



Eighteenth session
Agenda item 26

QUESTION OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

Report of the First Committee (part I)

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1. Pursuant to resolution 1767 (XVII) of 21 November 1962, the item "Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament" was included in the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly.
2. In its report of 19 September 1963 (A/5530), the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to the First Committee. At its 1210th plenary meeting, on 20 September, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee and referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report (A/5551).
3. At its 1309th meeting, on 15 October, the First Committee decided to consider the question of general and complete disarmament as the second item on its agenda.
4. At the 1310th meeting, on 15 October, Mexico proposed that the Committee give urgent consideration to a draft resolution concerning the question of nuclear weapons and other kinds of weapons of mass destruction in outer space, which was jointly submitted by Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (A/C.1/L.324). By the seventeen-Power draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

- (1) Welcome the expressions by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America of their intention not to station any

objects carrying nuclear weapons or other kinds of weapons of mass destruction in outer space;

(2) Solemnly call upon all States:

(a) To refrain from placing in orbit around the earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction, installing such weapons on celestial bodies, or stationing such weapons in outer space in any other manner;

(b) To refrain from causing, encouraging, or in any way participating in the conduct of the foregoing activities.

5. The First Committee agreed to consider the draft resolution as a matter of urgency at a meeting on 16 October under item 26 (Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament).

6. On 16 October, at the 1311th meeting, the Committee adopted the seventeen-Power draft resolution (A/C.1/L.324) by acclamation.

Recommendation of the First Committee

7. 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 resolution 1721 A (XVI) of 20 December 1961, in which it expressed the belief that the exploration and use of outer space should be only for the betterment of mankind,

Determined to take steps to prevent the spread of the arms race to outer space,

1. Welcomes the expressions by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America of their intention not to station in outer space any objects carrying nuclear weapons or other kinds of weapons of mass destruction;

2. Solemnly calls upon all States:

(a) To refrain from placing in orbit around the earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction, installing such weapons on celestial bodies, or stationing such weapons in outer space in any other manner;

(b) To refrain from causing, encouraging, or in any way participating in the conduct of the foregoing activities.
