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## QUESTION OF CONVENING A CONFERENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIGNING A CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR AND THERMO-NUCLEAR WEAPONS

### Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Fernando VOLIO JIMENEZ (Costa Rica)

1. Pursuant to resolution 1801 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, item 27 - "Question of convening a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons" - was included in the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session.
2. The report of the Secretary-General (A/5518) was submitted to the General Assembly on 17 September 1963.
3. The General Committee recommended the inclusion of this item in the agenda and its allocation to the First Committee (A/5530). 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.
4. At its 1309th meeting, on 15 October, the First Committee decided to consider item 27 as the fourth question on its agenda. The debate took place at its 1334th to 1337th and 1339th to 1341st meetings, between 12 and 19 November 1963.
5. On 12 November 1963 a draft resolution was submitted by Algeria, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika and the United Arab Republic (A/C.1/L.330). Mauritania, Morocco, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Togo became co-sponsors (A/C.1/L.330/Add.1 and Add.2). By the joint draft resolution the General Assembly would (1) request the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to study urgently the question of convening

a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons and to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session; (2) request the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the resolution and all other relevant documents to the Eighteen-Nation Committee.

6. At its 1341st meeting on 19 November 1963, the First Committee adopted the joint draft resolution (A/C.1/L.330) by a roll-call vote of 54 to 17 with 24 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, Congo (Brazzaville), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining Argentina, Austria, Burma, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, Iran, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sweden, Venezuela.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. 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  
thermo-nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling the declaration contained in its resolution 1653 (XVI) of 24 November 1961,

Cognizant that the subject can be speedily and effectively studied by the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament in Geneva,

1. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to study urgently the question of convening a conference for the purpose of signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons and to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution and all other relevant documents to the Eighteen-Nation Committee.

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