



Twentieth session  
Agenda item 28

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

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item "Question of general and complete disarmament: reports of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the General Assembly on the basis of resolution 1908 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963 (A/5950/Rev.1).
2. At its 159th meeting, on 22 September 1965, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to the First Committee (A/5988). At its 1336th meeting, on 24 September 1965, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee and referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report (A/5991/Rev.1).
3. At its 1354th meeting, on 15 October 1965, the First Committee decided to consider the question of general and complete disarmament as the sixth item on its agenda (A/C.1/900). The item was considered at the 1392nd to 1394th meetings, on 1 and 2 December.
4. The First Committee had before it two draft resolutions: (a) a draft resolution submitted by Malta (A/C.1/L.347) whereby the General Assembly would invite the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to consider the question of transfers between States, whether by way of trade or otherwise, of arms, ammunition and implements of war, with a view to submitting to the General Assembly proposals for the establishment of a system of publicity through the United Nations; and (b) a draft resolution submitted by Cyprus (A/C.1/L.348) whereby the General Assembly would (1) request the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to continue

its efforts towards making substantial progress in reaching agreement on the question of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, as well as on other collateral matters contained in the reports of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament; (2) decide to refer to the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament all documents and records of the First Committee during the discussions of all questions related to the disarmament question; (3) request the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to resume its work as early as possible and report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on progress achieved.

5. In the draft resolution submitted by Cyprus, operative paragraph 1 was revised to delete the word "other" and replace the word "matters" by "measures". By the revised paragraph the General Assembly would Request the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to continue its efforts towards making substantial progress in reaching agreement on the question of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, as well as on collateral measures contained in the reports of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament;"

(A/C.1/L.348/Rev.1). This draft resolution was further revised to add an additional preambular paragraph reading: "Recalling its resolutions 1378 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 1722 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1767 (XVII) of 21 November 1962 and 1908 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963," (A/C.1/L.348/Rev.2).

6. At the 1394th meeting, on 2 December, following a debate on the draft resolutions at which several suggestions were made, the representative of Cyprus made a further revision of his draft resolution (A/C.1/L.348/Rev.3) so as to: (1) include a third preambular paragraph reading "conscious of its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for disarmament and the consolidation of peace"; (2) delete the phrase "contained in the reports of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament" at the end of operative paragraph 1; and (3) replace the phrase "during the discussions of" by the word "concerning" in operative paragraph 2.

7. At the 1394th meeting, following a motion by the representative of Liberia, the Committee concluded its debate on the two draft resolutions and proceeded to vote on them.

8. The draft resolution submitted by Malta (A/C.1/L.347) was rejected by 19 votes to 18, with 39 abstentions.

9. The revised draft resolution submitted by Cyprus (A/C.1/L.348/Rev.3) was adopted by a roll-call vote of 78 to none, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Algeria, France, Guinea, Mali, United Republic of Tanzania.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

##### Question of General and Complete Disarmament

The General Assembly,

Having received the reports of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling its resolutions 1578 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 1722 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1767 (XVII) of 21 November 1962 and 1908 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963,

Conscious of its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for disarmament and the consolidation of peace,

1. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to continue its efforts towards making substantial progress in reaching agreement on the question of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, as well as on collateral measures;
2. Decides to refer to the Eighteen-Nation Committee all documents and records of the First Committee concerning all questions related to the disarmament question;
3. Requests the Eighteen-Nation Committee to resume its work as early as possible and to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the progress achieved.

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