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REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE EIGHTEEN-NATION COMMITTEE
ON DISARMAMENT

1. The Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament submits to the United Nations General Assembly and to the United Nations Disarmament Commission a full report on the negotiations regarding a draft treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, together with the pertinent documents and records.
2. Representatives of the following States continued their participation in the work of the Committee: Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.
3. The Conference reconvened on 18 January 1968 and recessed on 14 March 1968.
4. In view of the urgency of concluding a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2346 (XXII), the Committee has continued to give its primary attention to the negotiation of this treaty. Initially, the discussions and negotiations were conducted on the basis of texts of the treaty submitted for the consideration of the Committee by the delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on 24 August 1967. On 18 January 1968 the two delegations submitted revised texts incorporating a number of views and proposals presented by various members of the Committee. The text reproduced as annex I includes changes incorporated on 11 March by the delegations of the United States and the USSR in the light of the Committee's subsequent discussion.
5. During the Committee's discussions specific proposals were made by various delegations to amend the texts of the draft treaty presented by the delegations of

the United States and the USSR. The proposals and working papers submitted by all delegations and by Governments not represented in the Committee are found in annex IV, which covers the session in 1968 and the two sessions in 1967.^{1/} The views of individual delegations on the text of the treaty, to the extent they support or remain at variance with the text presented in annex I, are recorded in the verbatim records. For the convenience of members of the General Assembly, there is attached as annex III a listing which cites pertinent documents and verbatim records in which the views of various delegations are recorded.

6. Regarding the question of assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States, the delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America submitted on 7 March 1968 to the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament a draft resolution for appropriate consideration by the United Nations Security Council. The draft resolution is attached as annex II. These delegations also informed the Committee of statements their Governments intend to make at the time the draft resolution is considered by the Security Council.

7. The Committee agreed to reconvene this summer, following the resumed session of the General Assembly, the actual date to be established by the Co-Chairmen in consultation with all members.

8. This report is transmitted by the Co-Chairmen on behalf of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

14 March 1968

(Signed) A.A. ROSHCHIN
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

(Signed) William C. FOSTER
United States of America

^{1/} For annex IV, see A/7072/Add.1-DC/230/Add.1.

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ANNEXES

- I. Text of draft treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons
- II. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution of the Security Council on security assurances
- III. Listing of documents and verbatim records setting forth views of various delegations
- IV. Documents attached to the report covering the periods 18 January-14 March 1968 and 21 February-14 December 1967*

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ANNEX I

TEXT OF DRAFT TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Presented on 11 March 1968

The States concluding this Treaty, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties to the Treaty",

Considering the devastation that would be visited upon all mankind by a nuclear war and the consequent need to make every effort to avert the danger of such a war and to take measures to safeguard the security of peoples,

Believing that the proliferation of nuclear weapons would seriously enhance the danger of nuclear war,

In conformity with resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly calling for the conclusion of an agreement on the prevention of wider dissemination of nuclear weapons,

Undertaking to co-operate in facilitating the application of International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards on peaceful nuclear activities,

Expressing their support for research, development and other efforts to further the application, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards system, of the principle of safeguarding effectively the flow of source and special fissionable materials by use of instruments and other techniques at certain strategic points,

Affirming the principle that the benefits of peaceful applications of nuclear technology, including any technological by-products which may be derived by nuclear-weapon States from the development of nuclear explosive devices, should be available for peaceful purposes to all Parties to the Treaty, whether nuclear-weapon or non-nuclear-weapon States,

Convinced that in furtherance of this principle, all Parties to this Treaty are entitled to participate in the fullest possible exchange of scientific information for, and to contribute alone or in co-operation with other States to, the further development of the applications of atomic energy for peaceful purposes,

Declaring their intention to achieve at the earliest possible date the cessation of the nuclear arms race,

Urging the co-operation of all States in the attainment of this objective,

Recalling the determination expressed by the Parties to the Partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963 in its preamble to seek to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time and to continue negotiations to this end,

Desiring to further the easing of international tension and the strengthening of trust between States in order to facilitate the cessation of the manufacture of nuclear weapons, the liquidation of all their existing stockpiles, and the elimination from national arsenals of nuclear weapons and the means of their delivery pursuant to a Treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Each nuclear-weapon State Party to this Treaty undertakes not to transfer to any recipient whatsoever nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over such weapons or explosive devices directly, or indirectly; and not in any way to assist, encourage, or induce any non-nuclear-weapon State to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, or control over such weapons or explosive devices.

ARTICLE II

Each non-nuclear-weapon State Party to this Treaty undertakes not to receive the transfer from any transferor whatsoever of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or of control over such weapons or explosive devices directly, or indirectly; not to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; and not to seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

ARTICLE III

1. Each non-nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty undertakes to accept safeguards, as set forth in an agreement to be negotiated and concluded with the International Atomic Energy Agency in accordance with the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Agency's safeguards system, for the exclusive purpose of verification of the fulfilment of its obligations assumed under this Treaty with a view to preventing diversion of nuclear energy from peaceful uses to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. Procedures for the safeguards required by this Article shall be followed with respect to source or special fissionable material whether it is being produced, processed or used in any principal nuclear facility or is outside any such facility. The safeguards required by this Article shall be applied on all source or special fissionable material in all peaceful nuclear activities within the territory of such State, under its jurisdiction or carried out under its control anywhere.

2. Each State Party to the Treaty undertakes not to provide: (a) source or special fissionable material, or (b) equipment or material especially designed or prepared for the processing, use or production of special fissionable material, to any non-nuclear-weapon State for peaceful purposes, unless the source or special fissionable material shall be subject to the safeguards required by this Article.

3. The safeguards required by this Article shall be implemented in a manner designed to comply with Article IV of this Treaty, and to avoid hampering the economic or technological development of the Parties or international co-operation in the field of peaceful nuclear activities, including the international exchange of nuclear material and equipment for the processing, use or production of nuclear material for peaceful purposes in accordance with the provisions of this Article and the principle of safeguarding set forth in the Preamble.

4. Non-nuclear-weapon States Party to the Treaty shall conclude agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency to meet the requirements of this Article either individually or together with other States in accordance with the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Negotiation of such agreements shall commence within 180 days from the original entry into force of this Treaty. For States depositing their instruments of ratification after the 180-day period, negotiation of such agreements shall commence not later than the date of such deposit. Such agreements shall enter into force not later than eighteen months after the date of initiation of negotiations.

ARTICLE IV

1. Nothing in this Treaty shall be interpreted as affecting the inalienable right of all the Parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with Articles I and II of this Treaty.

2. All the Parties to the Treaty have the right to participate in the fullest possible exchange of scientific and technological information for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Parties to the Treaty in a position to do so shall also co-operate in contributing alone or together with other States or international organizations to the further development of the applications of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, especially in the territories of non-nuclear-weapon States Party to the Treaty.

ARTICLE V

Each Party to this Treaty undertakes to co-operate to insure that potential benefits from any peaceful applications of nuclear explosions will be made available through appropriate international procedures to non-nuclear-weapon States Party to this Treaty on a non-discriminatory basis and that the charge to such Parties for the explosive devices used will be as low as possible and exclude any charge for research and development. It is understood that non-nuclear-weapon States Party to this Treaty so desiring may, pursuant to a special agreement or agreements, obtain any such benefits on a bilateral basis or through an appropriate international body with adequate representation of non-nuclear-weapon States.

ARTICLE VI

Each of the Parties to this Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a Treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.

ARTICLE VII

Nothing in this Treaty affects the right of any group of States to conclude regional treaties in order to assure the total absence of nuclear weapons in their respective territories.

ARTICLE VIII

1. Any Party to this Treaty may propose amendments to this Treaty. The text of any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Depositary Governments which shall circulate it to all Parties to the Treaty. Thereupon, if requested to do so by one-third or more of the Parties to the Treaty, the Depositary Governments shall convene a conference, to which they shall invite all the Parties to the Treaty, to consider such an amendment.

2. Any amendment to this Treaty must be approved by a majority of the votes of all the Parties to the Treaty, including the votes of all nuclear-weapon States Party to this Treaty and all other Parties which, on the date the amendment is circulated, are members of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The amendment shall enter into force for each Party that deposits its instrument of ratification of the amendment upon the deposit of instruments of ratification by a majority of all the Parties, including the instruments of ratification of all nuclear-weapon States Party to this Treaty and all other Parties which, on the date the amendment is circulated, are members of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Thereafter, it shall enter into force for any other Party upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification of the amendment.

3. Five years after the entry into force of this Treaty, a conference of Parties to the Treaty shall be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in order to review the operation of this Treaty with a view to assuring that the purposes of the Preamble and the provisions of the Treaty are being realized. At intervals of five years thereafter, a majority of the Parties to the Treaty may obtain, by submitting a proposal to this effect to the Depositary Governments, the convening of further conferences with the same objective of reviewing the operation of the Treaty.

ARTICLE IX

1. This Treaty shall be open to all States for signautre. Any State which does not sign the Treaty before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article may accede to it at any time.

2. This Treaty shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Governments of _____, which are hereby designated the Depositary Governments.

3. This Treaty shall enter into force after its ratification by all nuclear weapon States signatory to this Treaty, and 40 other States signatory to this Treaty and the deposit of their instruments of ratification. For the purposes of this Treaty, a nuclear-weapon State is one which has manufactured and exploded a nuclear weapon or other nuclear explosive device prior to January 1, 1967.

4. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of this Treaty, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

5. The Depositary Governments shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or of accession, the date of the entry into force of this Treaty, and the date of receipt of any requests for convening a conference or other notices.

6. This Treaty shall be registered by the Depositary Governments pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

ARTICLE X

1. Each Party shall in exercising its national sovereignty have the right to withdraw from the Treaty if it decides that extraordinary events, related to the subject matter of this Treaty, have jeopardized the supreme interests of its country. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to all other Parties to the Treaty and to the United Nations Security Council three months in advance. Such notice shall include a statement of the extraordinary events it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.

2. Twenty-five years after the entry into force of the Treaty, a Conference shall be convened to decide whether the Treaty shall continue in force indefinitely, or shall be extended for an additional fixed period or periods. This decision shall be taken by a majority of the Parties to the Treaty.

ARTICLE XI

This Treaty, the English, Russian, French, Spanish and Chinese texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the Depositary Governments. Duly certified copies of this Treaty shall be transmitted by the Depositary Governments to the Governments of the signatory and acceding States.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized have signed this Treaty.

Done in _____ at _____ this _____ of _____.

ANNEX II

ENDC/222

7 March 1968

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UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS - UNITED KINGDOM - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON SECURITY ASSURANCES

The Security Council

Noting with appreciation the desire of a large number of States to subscribe to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and thereby to undertake not to receive the transfer from any transferor whatsoever of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or of control over such weapons or explosive devices directly, or indirectly; not to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; and not to seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

Taking into consideration the concern of certain of these States that, in conjunction with their adherence to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, appropriate measures be undertaken to safeguard their security,

Bearing in mind that any aggression accompanied by the use of nuclear weapons would endanger the peace and security of all States,

1. Recognizes that aggression with nuclear weapons or the threat of such aggression against a non-nuclear-weapon State would create a situation in which the Security Council, and above all its nuclear-weapon State permanent members, would have to act immediately in accordance with their obligations under the United Nations Charter;

2. Welcomes the intention expressed by certain States that they will provide or support immediate assistance, in accordance with the Charter, to any non-nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons that is a victim of an act or an object of a threat of aggression in which nuclear weapons are used;

3. Reaffirms in particular the inherent right, recognized under Article 51 of the Charter, of individual and collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security.

ANNEX III

LISTING OF DOCUMENTS AND VERBATIM RECORDS SETTING FORTH VIEWS OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS

DELEGATION OF BRAZIL

ENDC/201/Rev.2	13 February 1968
ENDC/PV.297	18 May 1967
ENDC/PV.327	31 August 1967
ENDC/PV.363	8 February 1968
ENDC/PV.367	20 February 1968
ENDC/PV.379	14 March 1968

DELEGATION OF BULGARIA

ENDC/PV.289	28 February 1967
ENDC/PV.300	30 May 1967
ENDC/PV.317	27 July 1967
ENDC/PV.328	5 September 1967
ENDC/PV.360	30 January 1968
ENDC/PV.371	28 February 1968

DELEGATION OF BURMA

ENDC/PV.337	10 October 1967
ENDC/PV.373	5 March 1968

DELEGATION OF CANADA

ENDC/PV.289	28 February 1967
ENDC/PV.329	12 September 1967
ENDC/PV.355	12 December 1967
ENDC/PV.358	23 January 1968
ENDC/PV.368	21 February 1968
ENDC/PV.378	13 March 1968

DELEGATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

ENDC/PV.290	2 March 1967
ENDC/PV.298	23 May 1967
ENDC/PV.316	25 July 1967
ENDC/PV.327	31 August 1967
ENDC/PV.358	23 January 1968
ENDC/PV.373	5 March 1968

DELEGATION OF ETHIOPIA

ENDC/PV.336	5 October 1967
ENDC/PV.364	13 February 1968

DELEGATION OF INDIA

ENDC/PV.298	23 May 1967
ENDC/PV.308	27 June 1967
ENDC/PV.325	24 August 1967
ENDC/PV.334	28 September 1967
ENDC/PV.370	27 February 1968
ENDC/PV.379	14 March 1968

DELEGATION OF ITALY

ENDC/200/Rev.1	26 October 1967
ENDC/218	20 February 1968
ENDC/221	6 March 1968
ENDC/PV.318	1 August 1967
ENDC/PV.326	29 August 1967
ENDC/PV.341	24 October 1967
ENDC/PV.350	23 November 1967
ENDC/PV.367	26 February 1968
ENDC/PV.379	14 March 1968

DELEGATION OF MEXICO

ENDC/196/Rev.2	19 September 1967
ENDC/PV.287	21 February 1967
ENDC/PV.295	21 March 1967
ENDC/PV.297	18 May 1967
ENDC/PV.324	13 June 1967
ENDC/PV.331	19 September 1967
ENDC/PV.365	15 February 1968
ENDC/PV.374	6 March 1968

DELEGATION OF NIGERIA

ENDC/220/Rev. 1	14 March 1968
ENDC/PV.327	31 August 1967
ENDC/PV.344	2 November 1967
ENDC/PV.351	28 November 1967
ENDC/PV.371	28 February 1968

DELEGATION OF POLAND

ENDC/PV.326	29 August 1967
ENDC/PV.359	25 January 1968
ENDC/PV.369	22 February 1968

DELEGATION OF ROMANIA

ENDC/199	19 October 1967
ENDC/223/Rev.1	8 March 1968
ENDC/PV.320	8 August 1967
ENDC/PV.334	28 September 1967
ENDC/PV.340	19 October 1967
ENDC/PV.342	26 October 1967
ENDC/PV.344	2 November 1967
ENDC/PV.348	16 November 1967
ENDC/PV.362	6 February 1968
ENDC/PV.376	11 March 1968

DELEGATION OF SWEDEN

ENDC/216	13 February 1968
ENDC/PV.363	8 February 1968
ENDC/PV.364	13 February 1968
ENDC/PV.373	5 March 1968

DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

ENDC/PV.325	24 August 1967
ENDC/PV.339	17 October 1967
ENDC/PV.356	December 1967
ENDC/PV.357	18 January 1968
ENDC/PV.361	1 February 1968
ENDC/PV.366	16 February 1968
ENDC/PV.370	27 February 1968
ENDC/PV.375	7 March 1968
ENDC/PV.376	11 March 1968
ENDC/PV.377	12 March 1968
ENDC/PV.379	14 March 1968

DELEGATION OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

ENDC/197	26 September 1967
ENDC/PV.294	16 March 1967
ENDC/PV.333	26 September 1967
ENDC/PV.340	19 October 1967
ENDC/PV.367	20 February 1968
ENDC/PV.370	27 February 1968
ENDC/PV.380	14 March 1968

DELEGATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

ENDC/207	5 December 1967
ENDC/211	18 January 1968
ENDC/203/Rev.1	22 February 1968
ENDC/PV.326	29 August 1967
ENDC/PV.337	10 October 1967
ENDC/PV.358	23 January 1968
ENDC/PV.369	22 February 1968
ENDC/PV.375	7 March 1968
ENDC/PV.378	13 March 1968

DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ENDC/PV.325	24 August 1967
ENDC/PV.330	14 September 1967
ENDC/PV.336	5 October 1967
ENDC/PV.353	5 December 1967
ENDC/PV.357	18 January 1968
ENDC/PV.359	25 January 1968
ENDC/PV.368	21 February 1968
ENDC/PV.369	22 February 1968
ENDC/PV.370	27 February 1968
ENDC/PV.375	7 March 1968
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