

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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**1378 (XIV). General and complete disarmament**

*The General Assembly,*

*Moved* by the desire to save the present and succeeding generations from the danger of a new and disastrous war,

*Striving* to put an end completely and forever to the armaments race which places a heavy burden on mankind, and to use resources thus released for the benefit of mankind,

*Desiring* to promote the creation of relations of trust and peaceful co-operation between States,

*Mindful* of the resolution of the United Nations Disarmament Commission of 10 September 1959,<sup>1</sup>

*Being convinced* that any progress towards the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control will contribute to the achievement of these high aims,

*Considering* that the question of general and complete disarmament is the most important one facing the world today,

1. *Calls upon* Governments to make every effort to achieve a constructive solution of this problem;

2. *Transmits* to the United Nations Disarmament Commission and requests the Secretary-General to make available to the ten-nation disarmament committee for thorough consideration the declaration of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of 17 September 1959<sup>2</sup> and the declaration of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 18 September 1959,<sup>3</sup> and the other proposals or suggestions made, as well as the

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for January to December 1959*, document DC/146.

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 70, document A/C.1/820.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4219.

records of the plenary meetings<sup>4</sup> and the meetings of the First Committee<sup>5</sup> at which the question of general and complete disarmament was discussed;

3. *Expresses the hope* that measures leading towards the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control will be worked out in detail and agreed upon in the shortest possible time.

*840th plenary meeting,  
20 November 1959.*

**1379 (XIV). Question of French nuclear tests in the Sahara**

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* of the great concern throughout the world repeatedly expressed in the United Nations over the prospect of further nuclear tests and their effects upon mankind,

*Noting* the declared intention of the Government of France to undertake nuclear tests in the Sahara,

*Considering* the deep concern felt over the dangers and risks which such tests entail,

*Considering* that significant progress is being made in the negotiations now proceeding at Geneva concerning the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests under an international control system,

*Considering* that the parties to those negotiations have facilitated their progress by voluntarily suspending such tests,

*Considering* that the purpose of the said negotiations is to bring about a general discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests and that it is to be hoped that, in the same spirit which inspired the present voluntary sus-

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fourteenth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 799th and 840th meetings.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fourteenth Session, First Committee*, 1026th to 1042nd meetings.

pension of tests, no State will initiate or resume tests of this kind,

*Recognizing* the anxiety caused by the contemplated tests in the Sahara among all peoples, and more particularly those of Africa,

1. *Expresses its grave concern* over the intention of the Government of France to conduct nuclear tests;
2. *Requests* France to refrain from such tests.

*840th plenary meeting,  
20 November 1959.*

#### **1380 (XIV). Prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that the danger now exists that an increase in the number of States possessing nuclear weapons may occur, aggravating international tension and the difficulty of maintaining world peace, and thus rendering more difficult the attainment of general disarmament agreement,

*Convinced therefore* that consideration of this danger is appropriate within the framework of deliberations on disarmament,

*Noting* the resolution of the United Nations Disarmament Commission of 10 September 1959,<sup>1</sup>

*Desiring* to bring to the attention of the ten-nation disarmament committee its conviction that consideration should be given to this problem,

1. *Suggests* that the ten-nation disarmament committee, in the course of its deliberations, should consider appropriate means whereby this danger may be averted, including the feasibility of an international agreement, subject to inspection and control, whereby the Powers producing nuclear weapons would refrain from handing over the control of such weapons to any nation not possessing them and whereby the Powers not possessing such weapons would refrain from manufacturing them;

2. *Invites* the committee to include the results of its deliberations on these matters in its report to the Disarmament Commission.

*841st plenary meeting,  
20 November 1959.*

#### **1402 (XIV). Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1252 B (XIII) of 4 November 1958,

*Noting* that the negotiations on the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests and on the establishment of an appropriate international control system, which began at Geneva on 31 October 1958, are still continuing,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States concerned for their efforts to reach an agreement relating to the prohibition of nuclear weapons tests and including an appropriate international control system;

2. *Expresses the hope* that these States will intensify their efforts to reach such an agreement at an early date;

3. *Urges* the States concerned in these negotiations to continue their present voluntary discontinuance of the testing of nuclear weapons.

4. *Requests* the States concerned to report to the General Assembly the results of their negotiations.

*842nd plenary meeting,  
21 November 1959.*

**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Desiring* to safeguard mankind from the increasing hazards resulting from tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons,

*Bearing in mind* the profound concern evinced by the peoples of all countries regarding the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons,

*Welcoming* the endeavours at Geneva of the States concerned to reach an agreement on the discontinuance of these tests, and the progress so far achieved,

*Noting with appreciation* that the States concerned have voluntarily suspended such tests, enabling progress in the discussions at Geneva,

*Considering* that an agreement on the cessation of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests with effective international control is urgent,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States concerned for their patient and sincere efforts to reach agreement on the discontinuance of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests with effective international control, and for the progress hitherto achieved;

2. *Expresses further the hope* that the States concerned will reach such agreement at an early date;

3. *Appeals* to the States concerned in the Geneva discussions to continue their present voluntary suspension of tests, and to other States to desist from such tests;

4. *Requests* the States concerned to report to the Disarmament Commission and to the General Assembly the results of their negotiations.

*842nd plenary meeting,  
21 November 1959.*

#### **1403 (XIV). Report of the Disarmament Commission**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1252 D (XIII) of 4 November 1958,

*Noting with approval* the report of the Disarmament Commission of 11 September 1959,<sup>6</sup>

1. *Decides* that the Disarmament Commission shall continue to be composed of all Members of the United Nations;

2. *Transmits* to the Disarmament Commission all the documents, proposals and records of discussions relating to disarmament at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the staff and services required by the Disarmament Commission and, in consultation with the Governments concerned, provide such facilities as may be required by the ten-nation disarmament committee.

*842nd plenary meeting,  
21 November 1959.*

<sup>6</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 66, document A/4209.