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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the United Nations for seeking a solution of the disarmament problem,

Conscious that the continuing development of armaments increases the urgency of the need for such a solution,

Having considered the fourth report¹ of the Disarmament Commission of 29 July 1954 and the documents annexed thereto, and the draft resolution² of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction,

1. Concludes that a further effort should be made to reach agreement on comprehensive and co-ordinated proposals to be embodied in a draft international disarmament convention providing for:

(a) The regulation, limitation and major reduction of all armed forces and all conventional armaments;

(b) The total prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction of every type, together with the conversion of existing stocks of nuclear weapons for peaceful purposes;

(c) The establishment of effective international control, through a control organ with rights, powers and functions adequate to guarantee the effective observance of the agreed reductions of all armaments and armed forces and the prohibition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and to ensure the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only;

The whole programme to be such that no State would have cause to fear that its security was endangered;

2. Requests the Disarmament Commission to seek an acceptable solution of the disarmament problem, taking into account the various proposals referred to in the preamble of the present resolution and any other proposals within the Commission's terms of reference;

3. Suggests that the Disarmament Commission reconvene the Sub-Committee established in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of General Assembly resolution 715 (VIII) of 28 November 1953;

4. Requests the Disarmament Commission to report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly as soon as sufficient progress has been made.

*497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.*

¹ See *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for July, August and September 1954*, document DC/55, and *ibid.*, *Supplement for April, May and June 1954*, documents DC/53 and DC/44 and Corr.1.

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 20 and 68, document A/C.1/750.

B

The General Assembly,

1. *Refers* to the Disarmament Commission for appropriate consideration the draft resolution of India contained in document A/C.1/L.100/Rev.1;³

2. *Decides* also to transmit to the Disarmament Commission for its information the records of the meetings of the First Committee at which this draft resolution was discussed.

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4 November 1954.

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The General Assembly

1. *Refers* to the Disarmament Commission for its consideration the draft resolution submitted by Australia and the Philippines contained in document A/C.1/L.101/Rev.1;⁴

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Disarmament Commission for its information the records of the meetings of the First Committee at which items 20 and 68 of the agenda of the ninth session of the General Assembly were considered.

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4 November 1954.

809 (IX). Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee

The General Assembly,

Having received the third report⁵ of the Collective Measures Committee submitted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 703 (VII),

Bearing in mind that the reports of the Collective Measures Committee represent a useful examination of ways and means of strengthening the collective security system of the United Nations,

1. *Notes with approval* the third report of the Collective Measures Committee, and in particular the principles of collective security contained in that report;

2. *Directs* the Collective Measures Committee to remain in a position to pursue such further studies as it may deem desirable, taking into account the "Uniting for peace" resolution (377 A (V)), resolution 503 (VI), resolution 703 (VII) and the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Collective Measures Committee to report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly as appropriate.

497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.

810 (IX). International co-operation in developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy

The General Assembly,

Believing that the benefits arising from the momentous discovery of atomic energy should be placed at the service of mankind,

³ *Ibid.*, document A/C.1/L.100/Rev.1.

⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/C.1/L.101/Rev.1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 19, document A/2713.

Desiring to promote energetically the use of atomic energy to the end that it will serve only the peaceful pursuits of mankind and ameliorate their living conditions,

Recognizing the importance and the urgency of international co-operation in developing and expanding the peaceful uses of atomic energy to assist in lifting the burdens of hunger, poverty and disease,

Believing also that all nations should co-operate in promoting the dissemination of knowledge in the realm of nuclear technology for peaceful ends,

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CONCERNING AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC AGENCY

Recalling the initiative of the President of the United States of America, embodied in his address⁶ of 8 December 1953,

Noting that negotiations are in progress, and the intention that they should continue, for the establishment as quickly as possible of an International Atomic Energy Agency to facilitate the use by the entire world of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, and to encourage international co-operation in the further development and practical application of atomic energy for the benefit of mankind,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the International Atomic Energy Agency will be established without delay;

2. *Suggests* that, once the Agency is established, it negotiate an appropriate form of agreement with the United Nations;

3. *Transmits* to the States participating in the creation of the Agency, for their careful consideration, the record of the discussion of this item at the present session of the General Assembly;

4. *Suggests* that Members of the United Nations be informed as progress is achieved in the establishment of the Agency and that the views of Members which have manifested their interest be fully considered;

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CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

1. *Declares* the interest and concern of the General Assembly in helping in every feasible way to promote the peaceful applications of atomic energy;

2. *Decides* that an international technical conference of Governments should be held, under the auspices of the United Nations, to explore means of developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy through international co-operation and, in particular, to study the development of atomic power and to consider other technical areas—such as biology, medicine, radiation protection, and fundamental science—in which international co-operation might most effectively be accomplished;

3. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives individual experts competent in the atomic energy field;

⁶ *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, 470th plenary meeting.