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1573 (XV). Question of Algeria

The General Assembly,

Having discussed the question of Algeria,

Recalling its resolution 1012 (XI) of 15 February 1957 by which the General Assembly expressed the hope that a peaceful, democratic and just solution would be found through appropriate means, in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling further its resolution 1184 (XII) of 10 December 1957 by which the General Assembly expressed the wish that *pourparlers* would be entered into, and other appropriate means utilized, with a view to a solution, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Noting with regret that the *pourparlers* contemplated in resolution 1184 (XII) did not materialize,

Recalling Article 1, paragraph 2, of the Charter,

Deeply concerned with the continuance of hostilities in Algeria,

Considering that the present situation in Algeria also constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Recalling its resolution 1495 (XV) of 17 October 1960 by which the General Assembly urges that immediate and constructive steps should be adopted in regard to the urgent problems concerning the peace of the world,

Taking note of the fact that the two parties concerned have accepted the right of self-determination as the basis for the solution of the Algerian problem,

Recognizing the passionate yearning for freedom of all dependent peoples and the decisive role of such peoples in the attainment of their independence,

Convinced that all peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national territory,

1. *Recognizes* the right of the Algerian people to self-determination and independence;

2. *Recognizes* the imperative need for adequate and effective guarantees to ensure the successful and just implementation of the right of self-determination on the

basis of respect for the unity and territorial integrity of Algeria;

3. *Recognizes further* that the United Nations has a responsibility to contribute towards the successful and just implementation of this right.

*956th plenary meeting,
19 December 1960.*

1576 (XV). Prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1380 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Recognizing the urgent danger that 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,

Noting with regret that the Ten-Nation Committee on Disarmament did not find it possible to consider this problem, which was referred to it by General Assembly resolution 1380 (XIV),

Believing in the necessity of an international agreement, subject to inspection and control, whereby the Powers producing nuclear weapons would refrain from relinquishing control of such weapons to any nation not possessing them and whereby Powers not possessing such weapons would refrain from manufacturing them,

Believing further that, pending the conclusion of such an international agreement, it is desirable that temporary and voluntary measures be taken to avoid the aggravation of this danger,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments to make every effort to achieve permanent agreement on the prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons;

2. *Calls upon* Powers producing such weapons, as a temporary and voluntary measure pending the negotiation of such a permanent agreement, to refrain from relinquishing control of such weapons to any nation

not possessing them and from transmitting to it the information necessary for their manufacture;

3. *Calls upon* Powers not possessing such weapons, on a similar temporary and voluntary basis, to refrain from manufacturing these weapons and from otherwise attempting to acquire them.

*960th plenary meeting,
20 December 1960.*

1577 (XV). Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1252 B (XIII) of 4 November 1958 and 1402 (XIV) of 21 November 1959,

Considering the importance and urgency of an agreement on the prohibition of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons tests, with effective international control,

Noting with satisfaction that further progress with regard to such an agreement has been achieved at the negotiations in Geneva since the fourteenth session of the General Assembly and that the States concerned have voluntarily suspended such tests since the autumn of 1958,

1. *Urges* the States concerned to seek a solution for the few remaining questions, so that the conclusion of the agreement will be achieved at an early date;

2. *Urges* the States concerned in these negotiations to continue their present voluntary suspension of the testing of nuclear weapons;

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

*960th plenary meeting,
20 December 1960.*

1578 (XV). Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1379 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 and 1402 (XIV) of 21 November 1959,

Continuing to bear in mind the profound concern evinced by the peoples of all countries regarding the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons and the consequences thereof,

Recognizing that, as a result of the endeavours at Geneva of the parties concerned, substantial progress has been made towards reaching agreement on the cessation of the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control,

Recognizing further that agreement on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons is not only imperative but urgent,

1. *Urges* the States concerned to make every effort to reach agreement as soon as possible on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control;

2. *Urges* the States concerned in the Geneva negotiations to continue their present voluntary suspension of the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, and requests other States to refrain from undertaking such tests;

3. *Requests* the States concerned in the Geneva negotiations:

(a) To keep the Disarmament Commission periodically informed of the progress of their negotiations;

(b) To report the results of their negotiations to the Disarmament Commission and to the General Assembly.

*960th plenary meeting,
20 December 1960.*

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL
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1497 (XV). The status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen); implementation of the Paris agreement of 5 September 1946

The General Assembly,

Having considered item 68 of its agenda,

Considering that the status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen) has been regulated by an international agreement between Austria and Italy, signed in Paris on 5 September 1946,¹

Considering that the said agreement establishes a system designed to guarantee the German-speaking inhabitants of that Province "complete equality of rights with the Italian-speaking inhabitants, within the framework of special provisions to safeguard the ethnical character and the cultural and economic development of the German-speaking element",

Bearing in mind that a dispute has arisen between Austria and Italy in regard to the implementation of the said agreement,

Desirous of preventing the situation created by the dispute from impairing the friendly relations between the two countries,

1. *Urges* the two parties concerned to resume negotiations with a view to finding a solution for all differences relating to the implementation of the Paris agreement of 5 September 1946;

2. *Recommends* that, in the event of the negotiations referred to in paragraph 1 above not leading to satisfactory results within a reasonable period of time, both parties should give favourable consideration to the possibility of seeking a solution of their differences by any of the means provided in the Charter of the United Nations, including recourse to the International Court

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 49 (1950), No. 747, annex IV.

of Justice or any other peaceful means of their own choice;

3. *Likewise recommends* that the countries in question should refrain from any action which might impair their friendly relations.

*909th plenary meeting,
31 October 1960.*

1574 (XV). Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1376 (XIV) of 17 November 1959,

Noting with appreciation the co-operation which the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation continues to receive in its work from Member States, specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, international non-governmental and national scientific organizations, and individual scientists,

1. *Takes note* of the annual progress report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for 1960;²

2. *Welcomes* the report prepared by the Committee in response to General Assembly resolution 1376 (XIV);³

3. *Notes with approval*, in particular, the Committee's proposals contained in paragraphs 14 and 19 of its annual report, which carry financial implications additional to those for which arrangements have already been made.

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20 December 1960.*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 24, document A/4528.

³ *Ibid.*, document A/4528, annex I.