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URGENT NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR TESTS

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1. The item "Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session (A/6350) on the basis of resolution 2032 (XX) of 3 December 1965.
2. At its 163rd meeting, on 22 September 1966, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to the First Committee (A/6395). At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee and referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. At its 1430th meeting, on 13 October, the First Committee decided to consider the item as the fourth on its agenda (A/C.1/933). It was considered at the 1457th to 1463rd meetings, from 17 November to 24 November.
4. On 17 November, a draft resolution was submitted by Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic (A/C.1/L.380). It was subsequently sponsored by Japan, Liberia and Yugoslavia (A/C.1/L.380/Add.1) and Finland (A/C.1/L.380/Add.2). By this draft resolution, the General Assembly would: (1) urge all States which had not done so to adhere to the partial test-ban treaty; (2) call upon all nuclear weapon States to suspend nuclear weapon tests in all environments; (3) express the hope that States would contribute to an effective international exchange of seismic data; (4) request the Conference of the

Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to elaborate without further delay a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests.

5. At its 1463rd meeting, on 24 November, the First Committee adopted the draft resolution by 72 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the cessation of nuclear and thermonuclear weapon tests and the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,^{1/}

Recalling its resolutions 1762 (XVII) of 6 November 1962, 1910 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963 and 2032 (XX) of 3 December 1965,

Recalling further the joint memorandum on a comprehensive test-ban treaty submitted by Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic and annexed to the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament, and in particular the concrete suggestions contained therein,

Noting with great concern the fact that all States have not yet adhered to the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water, signed at Moscow on 5 August 1963,

Noting also with great concern that nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere and underground are continuing,

Taking into account the possibilities of establishing, through international co-operation, an exchange of seismic data so as to create a better scientific basis for national evaluation of seismic events,

Recognizing the importance of seismology in the verification of the observance of a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests,

Realizing that such a treaty would also constitute an effective measure to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

1. Urges all States which have not done so to adhere to the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water;

2. Calls upon all nuclear weapon States to suspend nuclear weapon tests in all environments;

3. Expresses the hope that States will contribute to an effective international exchange of seismic data;

4. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to elaborate without any further delay a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests.
