

FINAL RECORD OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING
held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 22 March 1979, at 11 a.m.

Chairman:

Mr. L.D. THOMSON

(Australia)

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Zaire:

Mr. KAMANDA WA KAMANDA
Mr. E. MULONGANDUSU

Mr. RUŽEK^{SV} (Czechoslovakia): First of all, allow me to extend to you, on behalf of the Czechoslovak delegation, my congratulations on your assumption of the chairmanship of the Committee on Disarmament for this month.

The discussions in the Committee on Disarmament so far show clearly that member States are determined to approach the solution of important tasks of the Committee in a constructive spirit. At the beginning of this month, the Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and my delegation expects that negotiations on the agenda and programme of work of the Committee on Disarmament will also be conducted in the same spirit, in order to enable us in a very short time to proceed to our main task, namely, negotiations on important problems contained in the agenda.

Speaking of the agenda of the Committee on Disarmament, my delegation is convinced that the problem of halting and reversing the nuclear arms race and achieving nuclear disarmament must be regarded as having top priority. The fact that the nuclear arms race poses the greatest danger for humanity is today generally recognized, and was also underlined by special session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament in its Final Document.

Allow me to refer to the speech of Bohuslav Chňoupek^V, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic at that session: "The nuclear weapons are the most destructive force of the present war arsenals which may easily turn our world into a smouldering field. This task is all the more urgent as the stockpiles of these weapons in the world have more than trebled in the past ten years alone. This is why we are convinced of the urgency of the demand that all nuclear countries should pledge to halt further production of all kinds of nuclear weapons and to go over to a gradual reduction of the stockpiles until their complete liquidation". We are therefore convinced that from the beginning our Committee should focus its full attention on matters of substance which, without any doubt, means concentrating on the problem of the prohibition of these weapons of mass destruction. I certainly do not exaggerate in expressing the view that the world community awaits from the Committee on Disarmament concrete decisions and actions which would lead to effective measures in the field of nuclear disarmament.

This significance which the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has consistently attached to achieving progress towards lessening the menace of nuclear war and towards effective nuclear disarmament led my delegation, together with the delegations of other socialist States, to sponsor document CD/4, concerning negotiations on ending the production of all types of nuclear weapons and gradually

(Mr. Ružek^{OV}, Czechoslovakia)

The delegation of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic therefore gives full attention to the activities of the mentioned Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts. Czechoslovak experts have participated actively in its work since the beginning, and are prepared to continue this co-operation in the further process of preparing the second report, which should be presented to our Committee before the end of its session this summer. Czechoslovakia is also ready to contribute to the application of seismological methods for the verification of a CTB and, as already announced, is in favour of active participation in the special global network of seismic stations.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Czechoslovakia for his statement and for his kind words addressed to me personally.

Before adjourning the meeting I have a very pleasant duty to perform, and that is to extend, on behalf of you all, a welcome to the new representative of Zaire, Ambassador Kamanda Wa Kamanda.

Ambassador Kamanda comes to us as one learned in the law and as one who has held high and influential positions in the Organization of African Unity and in his own national administration. I am sure he will make his own forceful and distinctive contribution to our work.

Mr. KAMANDA WA KAMANDA (Zaire) (translated from French): I should like to express my very sincere thanks to you, Mr. Chairman, for your kind words and for the manner in which you introduced me. I would also take this opportunity to say how gratified we are to see you presiding over the work of this Committee; we are convinced that your experience will do much to contribute to the success of our work. As you can imagine, my country, like many others, attaches very great importance to this Committee's work. We consider that the responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security must be borne by all States Members of the United Nations, and we shall do our utmost to make our contribution -- modest certainly, but in our view necessary -- to ensure the successful conclusion of the work of this Committee.

The CHAIRMAN: before adjourning this plenary meeting, I would like to ask delegations to kindly signify their intention to speak at plenary meetings as much in advance as possible, so that the Chair might be able to submit recommendations for our work taking into account, whenever feasible, other disarmament-related meetings going on at present in Geneva.

The next plenary meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, 22 March 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

I intend to convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group to consider questions relating to the preparation of the agenda and programme of work of the Committee in five minutes' time.

The meeting rose at 11.45 a.m.