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held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 23 September 1969, at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman:

Mr. M.A. HUSAIN

(India)

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Mr. W. EPSTEIN

1. The CHAIRMAN (India): I declare open the 438th plenary meeting of the Committee on Disarmament.
2. I have no names inscribed on my list of speakers for today. Does any representative wish to speak?
3. Mr. IGNATIEFF (Canada): I should like to raise a query if I may, in view of the fact that there does not seem to be any other speaker.
4. As a number of delegations will be aware, I think, a very important proposal (A/7655) was tabled in the General Assembly of the United Nations last week on a matter which is before the Committee, and which, I might say, is being studied by my Government with the close attention it deserves. The question raised in my mind may also arise in the minds of some of my colleagues -- a question for clarification, really.
5. First, what is the relationship between that proposal on C and B weapons and the various proposals under negotiation in the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament? For instance, is it something which will be incorporated in our report or considered separately?
6. The other point is that in a way the very tabling of that proposal in the General Assembly of the United Nations on 19 September points to the fact -- of which I suppose not a few of us have been aware -- that the centre of gravity seems to be moving away from this table to New York and that the act of tabling it there may be just an act of realism. I know that the co-Chairmen are doing their best to arrange our proceedings in the most orderly fashion, and I would not wish in anything I say to prejudice the importance of their bilateral consultations, particularly as regards the bottom of the sea; I wish them well, I hope they will report agreement, and we would not wish to disturb that. But having regard to the important development last week the two co-Chairmen might perhaps consult and advise us as to when, while fully meeting their convenience and having regard to the importance of the discussions in which they are engaged, they will consider the transfer of our activities to the scene where apparently our Foreign Ministers are with their staffs.
7. I know that these are questions which had better not be answered off hand. It is the rather unexpected nature of the development to which I have referred that has led to this rather unexpected question. Therefore I should quite understand it if the co-Chairmen took my question under advisement and in due course gave their response.

8. The CHAIRMAN (India): I wonder whether either of the co-Chairmen wishes to speak now or whether they wish to defer giving their views on the points raised by the representative of Canada to a later occasion. I take it that they would prefer to speak on this matter on a later occasion rather than now.

The Conference decided to issue the following communiqué:

"The Conference of the Committee on Disarmament today held its 438th plenary meeting in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ambassador M.A. Husain, representative of India.

"A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

"The next meeting of the Conference will be held on Thursday, 25 September 1969, at 10.30 a.m."

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.