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FINAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING
held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 12 December 1967, at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. H. KHALLAF (United Arab Republic)

PRESENT AT THE TABLE

<u>Brazil:</u>	Mr. A. da COSTA GUIMARAES Mr. J. NOGUEIRA FILHO
<u>Bulgaria:</u>	Mr. K. CHRISTOV Mr. B. KONSTANTINOV
<u>Burma:</u>	U KYAW MIN
<u>Canada:</u>	Mr. A.G. CAMPBELL Mr. A. BERNIER
<u>Czechoslovakia:</u>	Mr. V. VAJNAR Mr. J. STRUCKA
<u>Ethiopia:</u>	Mr. A. ZELLEKE
<u>India:</u>	Mr. V. C. TRIVEDI Mr. K. I. JAIN
<u>Italy:</u>	Mr. R. CARACCIOLLO Mr. G.P. TOZZOLI Mr. E. FRANCO Mr. F. SORO
<u>Mexico:</u>	Miss E. AGUIRRE
<u>Nigeria:</u>	Mr. B.O. TONWE
<u>Poland:</u>	Mr. A. CZARKOWSKI Mr. E. STANIEWSKI
<u>Romania:</u>	Mr. O. IONESCO Mr. C. GEORGESCO Mr. A. COROIANU Mr. C. MITRAN
<u>Sweden:</u>	Mr. A. EDELSTAM
<u>Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:</u>	Mr. A.A. ROSHCHIN Mr. R.M. TIMBERBAIEV Mr. V.V. SHUSTOV Mr. V.B. TULINOV

United Arab Republic:

Mr. H. KHALLAF

Mr. O. SIRRY

Mr. M. SHAKER

United Kingdom:

Sir Harold BEELEY

Mr. I.F. PORTER

Mr. R.I.T. CROMARTIE

United States of America:

Mr. W.C. FOSTER

Mr. S. DePALMA

Mr. C.G. BREAN

Mr. R.W. DREXLER

Special Representative of the
Secretary-General:

Mr. D. PROTITCH

1. The CHAIRMAN (United Arab Republic): I declare open the 355th plenary meeting of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.
2. Mr. CAMPBELL (Canada): The Canadian delegation wishes to bring to the notice of the Committee a statement made on Friday, 8 December, by the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs. In that statement the Honourable Paul Martin welcomed the statements made by the President of the United States on 2 December and the United Kingdom Minister of State for Foreign Affairs on 4 December. The United States and United Kingdom statements in question are, of course, those which were issued a week ago as documents ENDC/206 and ENDC/207 of this Committee.
3. I wish to draw particular attention to the passage in which Mr. Martin assesses the announcements regarding the application of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards in the United States and the United Kingdom. The passage reads as follows:

"These announcements are significant for a number of reasons. First they will contribute to a fair balance of obligations as between the nuclear and the non-nuclear parties to the non-proliferation treaty and will help to carry forward the current negotiations. The non-nuclear countries now have public assurances that in accepting safeguards on their own peaceful nuclear activities, they will be joined by two of the three major nuclear Powers. These announcements also mean that another step has been taken in extending international acceptance of the IAEA safeguards system. The purpose of that system is to ensure that nuclear materials and equipment intended for peaceful purposes are not diverted to military uses. For some time Canada's policy has been to apply international safeguards to all exports of Canadian nuclear materials. Finally, they confirm the Canadian view that the safeguards envisaged in the treaty will not interfere with the peaceful nuclear activities of any country party to the treaty. We hope the United States and British examples will soon be followed by other nuclear Powers."
4. The Canadian delegation considered that it would be appropriate to read into the records of the Committee those views of the Canadian Government.

5. Mr. FOSTER (United States of America): Today's meeting marks the last occasion on which we shall have the pleasure of having Sir Harold Beeley sit with us as a member of this Committee. His departure from our midst would be a sad occasion were it not for the fact that he leaves us to take an important assignment elsewhere, an assignment in which he will be in a key position to foster friendly international relations in the cause of world peace. All of us will miss the distinctive contribution he has made to our work during the past several years. From the rich experience of a distinguished diplomatic career Sir Harold has acquired a profound wisdom about the way in which men and nations conduct their affairs. We shall always remember with a special warmth his good humour, his tact and his patience. Above all we shall remember his great gift for seeing through and getting around negotiating obstacles, his fairness in assessing motivations and his skill in pointing up a consensus. Those are qualities we especially need in our work, but it is good to know they will be put to use in an equally worthy cause. I know that my colleagues here join me in bidding Sir Harold godspeed and wishing him success and happiness in his new post.

6. Mr. ROSHCHIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translation from Russian): Allow me, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of my delegation as well as on behalf of a number of other delegations, to express our best wishes to Sir Harold Beeley in connexion with his appointment to a new and important diplomatic post. It is with regret that today we take leave of Sir Harold, with whom we have co-operated in this Committee for many months and years in the solution of extremely complex international problems and particularly the important problem of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

7. I should like to say in particular that co-operation with Sir Harold Beeley has been most pleasant, owing to his outstanding qualities as a diplomat and as a man. We wish him the very best in his personal life and his health, and every success in his work and hope to meet him again, if not at this table, in connexion with disarmament problems then in connexion with other endeavours likely to strengthen peace throughout the world, to consolidate mutual understanding between peoples and to improve the general security of all countries of the world.

8. Mr. TRIVEDI (India): On behalf of the Indian delegation I should like to join our co-Chairman, Mr. Foster and Mr. Roshchin, in wishing Sir Harold Beeley, the representative of the United Kingdom, godspeed and success in his new assignment. With him go the good wishes of all of us. I have had the privilege of knowing Sir Harold Beeley for nearly a dozen years; I have been greatly impressed, and I have admired profoundly his great qualities. As the representative of the Soviet Union has said, he is an accomplished diplomat and he is above all a complete gentleman. His participation in our work has been extremely useful. He has approached problems with an objectivity which is typical of him; and we have no doubt that his qualities of diplomacy, integrity and objectivity will help him in many years of public service for his country and for the international community.

9. The CHAIRMAN (United Arab Republic): On behalf of the delegation of the United Arab Republic I should like to say to Sir Harold Beeley that he is sincerely welcome on the banks of the Nile. He is welcome on the private level as Harold Beeley, the man and friend, and he is welcome on the official level as the brilliant and trusted Ambassador of his country. My delegation is confident of his success and is confident that he will bring the two Governments, the two nations, closer together. We wish him all success and all happiness.

10. Sir Harold BEELEY (United Kingdom): Mr. Chairman, let me begin by expressing my deep thanks and appreciation for the kind words that you have just spoken and for what has been said by the representatives of the United States, the USSR and India. Things have been said which I feel I do not deserve but which I think illustrate the special character of this Conference. I believe there is no other international forum in which there is such intimate contact between the representatives of different alliances and tendencies in the world. Representatives of members of the North Atlantic Alliance, the Warsaw Pact and the non-aligned world meet here in a spirit of mutual confidence and goodwill which it would be hard to equal, I think, anywhere else. That, I believe, is because we are all conscious that in our work here we represent not only the interests of our various nations but also the interests of humanity.

(Sir Harold Beeley, United Kingdom)

11. It is in that spirit that the United Kingdom delegation has tried to contribute to the work of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament. This contribution will continue under Mr. Porter, who takes my place as the permanent representative and deputy leader of our delegation. Under his leadership the United Kingdom delegation will continue to make every effort to resolve the outstanding problems which are delaying the conclusion of a non-proliferation treaty. Of course, it is a personal disappointment to me that I shall not be present when that treaty is concluded, but I am quite sure it will be and I believe it will not be long before that happens.

12. You know, Mr. Chairman, with what feelings of deep pleasure and anticipation I look forward to returning to live in your country and among your people, but this morning the feeling uppermost in my mind is one of regret at leaving Geneva and this community of ours here. I have made many friends and I have met with much kindness among the members of this Committee, and I should like to thank them all again and wish them success in their collective task.

The Conference decided to issue the following communiqué

"The Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament today held its 355th plenary meeting in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ambassador H. Khallaf, representative of the United Arab Republic.

"Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States, the Soviet Union, India, the United Arab Republic and the United Kingdom.

"The next meeting of the Conference will be held on Thursday, 14 December 1967, at 10.30 a.m."

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.