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RENUNCIATION BY STATES OF ACTIONS HAMPERING THE CONCLUSION OF  
AN AGREEMENT ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Report of the First Committee

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1. By a letter dated 23 September 1966 (A/6398), the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested the President of the General Assembly to include in the agenda of the twenty-first session the item entitled "Renunciation by States of actions hampering the conclusion of an agreement on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons". An explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution were attached to the request for the inclusion of the item.
2. At its 164th meeting, on 24 September, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to the First Committee (A/6438).
3. At its 1415th meeting, on 24 September, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee and allocated the item to the First Committee for consideration and report.
4. At its 1430th meeting, on 13 October, the First Committee decided to consider the item as the first on its agenda (A/C.1/933). It was considered at the 1431st to 1440th meetings, from 20 October to 2 November.
5. The Committee had before it the above-mentioned draft resolution submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/C.1/L.368). It was subsequently co-sponsored by Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Italy, Mongolia, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the United States of America (A/C.1/L.368/Add.1), Czechoslovakia (A/C.1/L.368/Add.2), Norway (A/C.1/L.368/Add.3),

the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.1/L.368/Add.4), Denmark and Poland (A/C.1/L.368/Add.5), Ireland and Nepal (A/C.1/L.368/Add.6), Austria (A/C.1/L.368/Add.7), Finland, Iceland and the Netherlands (A/C.1/L.368/Add.8), and Belgium and Hungary (A/C.1/L.368/Add.9). By the draft resolution the General Assembly would urgently appeal to States (a) pending the conclusion of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, to refrain from any actions which might hamper the conclusion of an agreement on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons; (b) to take all necessary steps for the earliest possible conclusion of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

6. On 25 October, a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/L.368/Rev.1) was submitted by Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Yugoslavia. The revised draft resolution was subsequently co-sponsored by Afghanistan, Greece and Liberia (A/C.1/L.368/Rev.1/Add.1), Iran and Tunisia (A/C.1/L.368/Rev.1/Add.2), the Central African Republic and Guatemala (A/C.1/L.368/Rev.1/Add.3), Pakistan, the Philippines and Turkey (A/C.1/L.368/Rev.1/Add.4), Chile, Kuwait and Peru (A/C.1/L.368/Rev.1/Add.5) and Saudi Arabia (A/C.1/L.368/Rev.1/Add.6). By the revised draft resolution the General Assembly would urgently appeal to all States, pending the conclusion of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (a) to take all necessary steps to facilitate and achieve at the earliest possible time the conclusion of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in accordance with the principles laid down in resolution 2028 (XX) of 19 November 1965; (b) to refrain from any actions conducive to the proliferation of nuclear weapons, or which might hamper the conclusion of an agreement on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

7. At the 1440th meeting, on 2 November, the Committee adopted the forty-five-Power revised draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 100 to 1, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

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In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against: Albania.

Abstaining: Cuba.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Renunciation by States of actions hampering the conclusion of an agreement on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 2028 (XX) of 19 November 1965,

Convinced that the proliferation of nuclear weapons would endanger the security of all States and hamper the achievement of general and complete disarmament,

Considering that international negotiations are now under way with a view to the preparation of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and wishing to create an atmosphere conducive to the successful conclusion of those negotiations,

Urgently appeals to all States, pending the conclusion of such a treaty:

(a) To take all necessary steps to facilitate and achieve at the earliest possible time the conclusion of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in accordance with the principles laid down in resolution 2028 (XX);

(b) To refrain from any actions conducive to the proliferation of nuclear weapons or which might hamper the conclusion of an agreement on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

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