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URGENT NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR TESTS

Report of the First Committee

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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-second session (A/6680/Rev.1) on the basis of General Assembly resolution 2163 (XXI) of 5 December 1966.
2. At its 165th meeting, on 20 September 1967, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda (A/6840).
3. At its 1564th plenary meeting, on 23 September, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee (A/6850/Rev.2) and allocated the item to the First Committee (A/6851/Rev.2) for consideration and report. It was considered at the 1545th to 1555th meetings from 11 to 18 December 1967.
4. On 12 December, Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.414), subsequently co-sponsored by Japan and Yugoslavia (A/C.1/L.414/Add.1), and Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Finland, Guatemala, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela (A/C.1/L.414/Add.2), by which the General Assembly would: (1) urge all States which have not done so to adhere without further delay to the Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water; (2) call upon all nuclear-weapon States to suspend nuclear weapon tests in all environments; (3) express the hope that States will contribute to an effective international exchange of seismic data; (4) request the Conference of the Eighteen-

Nation Committee on Disarmament to take up as a matter of urgency the elaboration of a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests and to report to the General Assembly on the matter at its twenty-third session.

5. At its 1555th meeting, on 18 December, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.1/L.414 and Add.1 and 2) by a vote of 92 to 1, with 6 abstentions (see paragraph 6 below).

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 urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests and the interim 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, 2032 (XX) of 3 December 1965 and 2163 (XXI) of 5 December 1966,

Noting with regret 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 in Moscow on 5 August 1963,

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

Taking into account the existing 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 without further delay 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 take up as a matter of urgency the elaboration of a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests and to report to the General Assembly on this matter at its twenty-third session.
