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ESTABLISHMENT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY, OF AN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FOR NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS  
FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNDER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL

## Report of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Zdeněk ČERNÍK (Czechoslovakia)

1. The item entitled "Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" was included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the basis of General Assembly resolution 2605 B (XXIV) of 16 December 1969.
2. At its 1843rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1970, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in the agenda and allocated it to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. At its 1726th meeting, on 3 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on all seven agenda items relating to disarmament allocated to it, namely:
  - (1) Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 27);
  - (2) Question of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 28);

- (3) Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 29);
- (4) Implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States: report of the Secretary-General (item 30),
- (5) Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 31);
- (6) Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2456 B (XXIII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 93);
- (7) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security (item 94).

4. The general debate on these seven items took place at the 1748th to 1762nd meetings, from 2 to 16 November 1970.

5. The First Committee had before it, in connexion with agenda item 31, the report to the Secretary-General by the International Atomic Energy Agency on the establishment, within the framework of the Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control (A/8080).

6. On 19 November, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Japan, Mexico and the Netherlands submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.540), which was introduced by the representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, at the 1772nd meeting, on 25 November.

7. At the same meeting, the six-Power draft resolution was adopted by 89 votes to none, with 5 abstentions (see paragraph 8 below).

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for peaceful explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control

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The General Assembly,

Having reviewed the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency entitled "Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control",

Appreciating the work undertaken by the International Atomic Energy Agency in this respect,

Noting that the International Atomic Energy Agency has convened a number of expert groups to advise the Director-General of the Agency on the technical aspects of this technology and on the character of the international observation it might perform pursuant to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the studies recently performed on this subject;
2. Commends the International Atomic Energy Agency for its efforts to compile and evaluate information on the present status of the technology and to make it available on an international scale;
3. Requests the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue and intensify its programme in this field;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control".

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