



General Assembly

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.1/46/L.40
1 November 1991

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

UN LIBRARY

NOV 1991

UN COLLECTION

Forty-sixth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda item 60 (i)

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: PROHIBITION OF THE DUMPING
OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES

Ethiopia*: draft resolution

Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind resolution CM/Res.1153 (XLVIII) of 1988, and CM/Res.1225 (L) of 1989, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity concerning the dumping of nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa,

Welcoming resolution GC (XXXIII)/RES/509 on the dumping of nuclear wastes, adopted on 29 September 1989 by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its thirty-third regular session,

Considering its resolution 2602 C (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, in which it requested the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, inter alia, to consider effective methods of control against the use of radiological methods of warfare,

Recalling resolution CM/Res.1356 (LIV) of 1991 of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity on the Bamako Convention on the Ban on the Import into Africa and on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes within Africa,

* Submitted on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

Aware of the potential hazards underlying any use of nuclear or radioactive wastes that would constitute radiological warfare and its implications for regional and international security and in particular for the security of developing countries,

Desirous of promoting the implementation of paragraph 76 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,

Aware also of the consideration of the question of dumping of radioactive wastes in the Conference on Disarmament during its 1991 session,

Recalling its resolution 45/58 K of 4 December 1990, in which it requested the Conference on Disarmament to include in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session the developments in the ongoing negotiations on this subject,

1. Takes note of the part of the report of the Conference on Disarmament relating to the dumping of radioactive wastes under its Ad Hoc Committee on Radiological Weapons,

2. Expresses grave concern regarding any use of nuclear wastes that would constitute radiological warfare and have grave implications for the national security of all States;

3. Calls upon all States to take appropriate measures with a view to preventing any dumping of nuclear or radioactive wastes that would infringe upon the sovereignty of States;

4. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to take into account, in the ongoing negotiations for a convention on the prohibition of radiological weapons, the deliberate employment of nuclear wastes or dissemination of radioactive material, including radioactive wastes, for the purpose of causing injury, death, damage or destruction by means of the radiation produced by the decay of such material;

5. Takes note of resolution CM/Res.1356(LIV) of 1991 of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity on the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes within Africa;

6. Takes note also of the Code of Practice on the Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Wastes adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency at its thirty-fourth General Conference, and expresses the hope that the effective implementation of the Code will enhance the protection of all States from the dumping of radioactive wastes on their territories as well as constitute the first step towards the adoption of a convention to prohibit such dumping;

7. Requests the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue keeping the subject under active consideration and to intensify efforts to conclude a

legally binding instrument under its auspices on the effective prohibition of any dumping of radioactive or nuclear wastes to complement a multilateral convention on its prohibition in the Conference on Disarmament;

8. Also requests the Conference on Disarmament to intensify efforts towards an early conclusion of such a convention, and to include in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session the progress recorded in the ongoing negotiations on this subject;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes".
