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Chairman: Mr. F. VAN LANGENHOVE (Belgium).

Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments: report of the Disarmament Commission (A/2444, A/C.1/L.72/Rev.3, A/C.1/L.74/Rev.4, A/C.1/L.75/Rev.2, A/C.1/L.86) (*continued*)

[Item 23]*

1. Mr. LLOYD (United Kingdom) said that the third revision (A/C.1/L.72/Rev.3) of the fourteen-Power draft resolution was submitted in order to help the Committee and to reduce the complications created by the introduction of the various amendments. He wished to explain how the newly revised draft had taken into account almost all the amendments submitted.
2. The first paragraph of the preamble was composed of the text of the original draft (A/C.1/L.72) and of the amendment submitted by France, the United Kingdom and the United States contained in document A/C.1/L.83, with the deletion of the words "regulation of armaments".
3. The second paragraph of the preamble was taken from the text of the Australian amendment (A/C.1/L.76). The third and fourth paragraphs of the preamble were taken from the original draft. The fifth paragraph of the preamble was the result of a combination of the first Indian amendment in document A/C.1/L.74/Rev.4 and the Peruvian amendment thereto (A/C.1/L.80).
4. The sixth, seventh and eighth paragraphs of the preamble were taken from the original draft.
5. The first operative paragraph was taken from the final text of the second Indian amendment contained in document A/C.1/L.74/Rev.4.
6. Paragraph 2 of the operative part was taken from the original draft.
7. Paragraph 3 of the operative part was taken from the amendment submitted by France, the United Kingdom and the United States (A/C.1/L.84) which would amend paragraph 3 of the operative part to read as follows:

"Requests the Commission to continue its efforts to reach agreement on the problems with which it is concerned, taking into consideration the proposals

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made at the eighth session of the General Assembly, and to report again to the General Assembly and to the Security Council not later than 1 September 1954."

8. Paragraph 4 of the operative part was taken from the original draft.
9. Paragraph 5 of the operative part was a combination of the Egyptian amendment (A/C.1/L.78) and the third Indian amendment in document A/C.1/L.74/Rev. 4.
10. As a result of the latest revision of the fourteen-Power draft, some amendments must necessarily have lost their purpose and others had been withdrawn, such as the Yugoslav amendment (A/C.1/L.81) and the Polish amendment (A/C.1/L.79). However, the following amendments remained outstanding: the Soviet Union amendments (A/C.1/L.75/Rev.2); the fourth Indian amendment (A/C.1/L.74/Rev.4), which the United Kingdom would support; the Yugoslav amendment (A/C.1/L.82); the Indian amendments (A/C.1/L.85) as well as the Indian draft resolution (A/C.1/L.86).
11. Finally, Mr. Lloyd, on behalf of the fourteen Powers, introduced an amendment (A/C.1/L.87) to point 4 of the USSR amendment contained in document A/C.1/L.75/Rev.2. That amendment would eliminate a possible misunderstanding of the Soviet Union text in that it would prohibit aggression, irrespective of the kind of weapons used, whether atomic or conventional.
12. Mr. Y. MALIK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) suggested that in view of the submission of the latest revision of the fourteen-Power draft resolution and the explanation given by Mr. Lloyd, the Committee might wish to adjourn, thereby enabling the representatives to make a fuller study of the various texts.
13. The CHAIRMAN suggested that before pronouncing itself on the USSR suggestion the Committee should recess for a few minutes so as to enable the Secretariat to reproduce and distribute the text of the amendment referred to by the representative of the United Kingdom (A/C.1/L.87).
It was so decided.
The Committee reconvened after a brief recess.
14. Mr. MENON (India) reserved his right to comment on the statement of the United Kingdom representative.
15. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the USSR motion for adjournment.
The motion was adopted.
16. The CHAIRMAN announced that the next meeting would take place the following morning.
The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.