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Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Ghana, India,
Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco, Nepal, United Arab Republic, Yemen,
and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Considering that the continuance of testing of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons has not only increased the hazards to man and his environment but would tend to encourage an increasing number of countries to manufacture and test such weapons, thereby adding to the risks of the annihilation of civilization,

Noting that the Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation confirms the widespread apprehension and concern regarding the effects of ionizing radiation,

Welcoming the Report of the Conference of Experts to Study the Possibility of Detecting Violations of a Possible Agreement on the Suspension of Nuclear Tests (A/3897) which indicates that it is technically and scientifically practicable to establish the arrangements and controls necessary to ensure the observance of an agreement on the discontinuance of such tests,

Welcoming further the decision of the States which are now testing such weapons to meet in a conference commencing 31 October 1958, with a view to reaching agreement on the discontinuance of such tests,

1. Calls for the immediate discontinuance of the testing of atomic and hydrogen weapons until agreement is reached by the States concerned in regard to the technical arrangements and controls considered necessary to ensure the observance of the discontinuance of such tests;

2. Considers that such an agreement is imperative and does not brook delay and therefore urges the conference at Geneva to deal with this matter on an urgent basis and reach speedy agreement;

3. Requests the States concerned to report to the General Assembly their agreement on the arrangements necessary in connexion with the discontinuance by them of atomic and hydrogen weapons tests in order that the Assembly may take steps forthwith, thereafter, to extend the operation of the agreement to all States;

4. Further calls upon all other States to desist from embarking upon the testing of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons pending the completion of action as set out in paragraph 3 of this resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance and provide such services as may be asked for and required by the Conference on Nuclear Tests commencing at Geneva on 31 October 1958.
