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REGULATION, LIMITATION AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF ALL ARMED FORCES AND ALL ARMAMENTS; CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION (TREATY) ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND THE PROHIBITION OF ATOMIC, HYDROGEN AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

(a) REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

India: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Moting the great and growing volume of world opinion expressing apprehension and alarm about the continuance of tests of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons, more particularly since 1954,

Noting the long and lasting life and the highly dangerous potentialities of substances released by such explosions and their inescapable effects on present and future generations of humanity and on all forms of life all over the world,

Taking into account the recent increase in the number of States undertaking such tests, the possibility of further increases in the number of such States, and the consequential accentuation of the difficulties of the problem,

Considering that the suspension of test explosions would, in some measure, open the way to a lowering of world tensions, itself constitute an initial step in disarmament, and would facilitate progress towards reaching further agreements on disarmament,

Considering further that such suspension should be achieved without delay,

1. Calls upon the States concerned to inform the Secretary-General that they are willing to suspend tests of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons and to render such suspension operative in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

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- 2. Requests the Secretary-General as and when he received responses in terms of paragraph 1 above to inform all Member States,
- 3. Requests the Powers concerned, in view of the doubts expressed about detection of explosions, and the need to dispel those doubts and to provide against evasions, to agree to the nomination of a scientific and technical Commission, consisting of two eminent scientists from each side and a scientific Chairman to be nominated by agreement, to report on and supervise the suspension agreements.
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to announce, as effective, the suspension of tests as soon as responses have been received from all the States concerned in terms of paragraph 1 above.
- 5. Further calls upon all Member States to report to the scientific Commission whenever evidence of nuclear and thermonuclear explosions in any part of the world on land, air or sea comes to their notice.
- 6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary secretarial and other assistance required by the aforementioned scientific Commission.