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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF A MODEL ATOMIC
POWER PLANT BY THE USSR AS A GIFT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Mr. Saksin, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am very happy to accept, on behalf of the United Nations, this model of an atomic power plant presented by the Soviet Union.

It will, I know, be a valuable part of a permanent United Nations exhibit here at Headquarters in commemoration of the first International Scientific Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy held in Geneva last year.

Exhibits from six other governments will be on view, along with this model, when the permanent exhibit is opened during the early days of the forthcoming conference on the statute of a new International Atomic Energy Agency. They will remind us, and the many visitors who pass this way each day, of the vast promise for all mankind when atomic energy is put to peaceful uses.

The models in this exhibit will help us all to see more clearly just how the mighty force of the atomic chain reaction can be controlled and put to work. They will help us to understand how atomic energy can produce power needed for industrial progress and how, in a reactor, ordinary elements can be converted into radioactive isotopes that have become treasured tools in every field of science.

When the United Nations General Assembly first called for an international conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy, relatively few countries were in a position to benefit from atomic science. Now, after a great sharing of information at Geneva, many more countries are exploring the possibilities of atomic power and still others are laying the scientific groundwork for nuclear enterprise.

It is clear, I am sure, that the Geneva Conference -- which we shall commemorate with the new Headquarters exhibit -- was a major force in helping to channel the gains of atomic science toward a new age of atomic service for the whole world.

May I, in conclusion, once again express my thanks to you, Mr. Saksin, for the gift of this model from the Government of the Soviet Union.

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