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STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION  
2666 (XXV) CONCERNING THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF  
ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA (TREATY OF TLATELOLCO)

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2666 (XXV) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 2666 (XXV) of 7 December 1970.
2. At its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in the agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee, for consideration and report.
3. At the 1803rd meeting, on 11 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on all seven agenda items relating to disarmament allocated to it, namely:
  - (1) General and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 27);
  - (2) Question of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 28);
  - (3) Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 29);

- (4) Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control; report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 30);
- (5) Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2666 (XXV) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the Secretary-General (item 31);
- (6) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security: report of the Secretary-General (item 32);
- (7) Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace (item 98).

The Committee also decided that, on the conclusion of the general debate, it would consider the draft resolutions or proposals under each item separately.

4. The general debate on these seven items took place at the 1827th to 1842nd meetings, from 11 November to 1 December 1971.

5. The First Committee had before it, in connexion with agenda item 31, the following documents: (1) a note by the Secretary-General (A/8435 and Add.1); (2) a letter dated 28 June 1971 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General (A/8336 and Rev.1), transmitting the reply of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to the Senate of the United Mexican States; (3) a letter dated 22 July 1971 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General (A/8346), transmitting a memorandum summarizing some basic facts concerning the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) and Additional Protocol II thereof; (4) a note verbale dated 23 November 1971 from the Secretary of State of the United States of America to the Secretary-General (A/8560), transmitting Department of State documents reporting ratification by the United States of America of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America, subject to understandings and declarations.

6. On 27 November, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.587)

which was subsequently co-sponsored by the Netherlands. The draft resolution was introduced on behalf of its sponsors by the representative of Mexico at the 1839th meeting, on 29 November.

7. At the 1848th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee proceeded to vote upon this draft resolution.

8. The draft resolution (A/C.1/L.587) was adopted by a vote of 85 to none, with 10 abstentions.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

9. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2666 (XXV) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1911 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2286 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2456 B (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 2666 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Recalling in particular that in its resolution 2286 (XXII) it declared that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) constitutes an event of historic significance in the efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to promote international peace and security and that in its resolution 2666 (XXV) it repeated the appeals which on two previous occasions it had addressed to the nuclear-weapon States to sign and ratify additional Protocol II of the Treaty as soon as possible and it urged them to avoid further delay in the fulfilment of such appeals,

1. Reaffirms its conviction that, for the maximum effectiveness of any treaty establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone, the co-operation of the nuclear-weapon States is necessary and that such co-operation should take the form of commitments likewise undertaken in a formal international instrument which is legally binding, such as a treaty, convention or protocol;

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2. Notes with satisfaction that the United States of America deposited its instrument of ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America on 12 May 1971, thus becoming State Party to the Protocol, as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has been since 11 December 1969;

3. Deplores the fact that the other nuclear-weapon States have not yet heeded the urgent appeals which the General Assembly has made in three different resolutions and it urges them once again to sign and ratify without further delay Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Implementation of resolution... concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)";

5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the nuclear-weapon States and to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session of any measure adopted by them in order to implement it.

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