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RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION: NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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[23 September 1949]

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to draw the attention of the Members of the General Assembly to the following resolution adopted by the Security Council at its 447th meeting held on 16 September 1949¹:

"The Security Council,

Having received and examined the letter dated 29 July 1949 from the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, transmitting two resolutions (AEC/42 and AEC/43) adopted at the 24th meeting of the Commission on 29 July 1949,

Directs the Secretary-General to transmit this letter and the accompanying resolutions together with the records of the discussion on this question in the Atomic Energy Commission, to the General Assembly and to the Member States of the United Nations."

2. In accordance with the instructions given in the above resolution, the Secretary-General transmits to the Members of the General Assembly the letter from the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (annex 1), the two resolutions of the Commission (annexes 2 and 3), the verbatim records of the 17th to 24th meetings, inclusive, of the Commission,² and the summary records of the 45th to 49th meetings, inclusive, of the Working Committee of the Commission.³

ANNEX I

Letter dated 29 July 1949 from the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council⁴

Lake Success, 29 July 1949

I have the honour to present to the Security Council two resolutions (AEC/42 and AEC/43) adopted at the 24th meeting of the Atomic Energy Commission on 29 July 1949.

The first resolution (AEC/42) was adopted by 7 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions. The second resolution (AEC/43) was adopted by 9 votes to 2.

(Signed) T. F. TSIANG

¹ See *Official Records of the Security Council*, Fourth Year, No. 43, page 24.

² See *Official Records of the Atomic Energy Commission*, Fourth Year, Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive.

³ See documents AEC/C.1/SR.45 to AEC/C.1/SR. 49 inclusive.

⁴ See *Official Records of the Security Council*, Fourth Year, Supplement for September 1949, document S/1377.

ANNEX 2

Resolution adopted by the Atomic Energy Commission at its 24th meeting on 29 July 1949

The Atomic Energy Commission

Has considered the proposal of the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (AEC/37) that the Atomic Energy Commission begin immediately to prepare a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and a draft convention for the control of atomic energy, proceeding from the principle that both conventions must be concluded and put into effect simultaneously;

Has noted the statement of the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the 45th meeting of the Working Committee on Wednesday 1 June 1949, that the proposals submitted by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on atomic energy in June 1946 and June 1947 should be taken as a basis for the elaboration of these draft conventions;

Recalls that these same proposals, particularly those of 11 June 1947, have already been analysed in detail and rejected in April 1948 on the grounds that "they ignore the existing technical knowledge of the problem of atomic energy control, do not provide an adequate basis for the effective international control of atomic energy and the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons, and, therefore, do not conform to the terms of reference of the Atomic Energy Commission";

And recalls that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposal for the preparation of a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and a draft convention for the control of atomic energy to be concluded and brought into effect simultaneously was rejected by the General Assembly at the 157th plenary meeting in its third session on 4 November 1948, by 40 votes to 6, with 5 abstentions;

And recalls also that at the same time the General Assembly approved the general findings (part II C) and recommendations (part III) of the first report and the specific proposals of part II of the second report of the Commission, as constituting the necessary basis for establishing an effective system of international control of atomic energy to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes and for the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons in accordance with the terms of reference of the Atomic Energy Commission;

The Atomic Energy Commission observes that no material has been presented additional to that

previously submitted to the General Assembly, the Commission or the Working Committee;

The Atomic Energy Commission therefore concludes that no useful purpose can be served by further discussions in the Atomic Energy Commission of those proposals which have already been considered and rejected by the appropriate organs of the United Nations. The Atomic Energy Commission reports to the Security Council and the General Assembly accordingly.

ANNEX 3

Resolution adopted by the Atomic Energy Commission at its 24th meeting on 29 July 1949

The Atomic Energy Commission

Reports

That in accordance with the instructions in General Assembly resolution 191 (III) of 4 November 1948, the Atomic Energy Commission has surveyed its programme of work in order to determine whether further work would be practicable and useful;

That the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic continue to reject the recommendations of the Commission approved by the General Assembly on 4 November 1948, including those forms of control contained in the plan approved by the General Assembly "as constituting the necessary basis for establishing an effective system of international

control of atomic energy to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes and for the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons in accordance with the terms of reference of the Atomic Energy Commission";

That the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic continue to insist on the adoption of the draft resolution (A/C.1/310) proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and rejected by the General Assembly on 4 November 1948, to prepare immediately separate conventions based on the proposals of the Soviet Union of June 1946 and June 1947, which provide among other things for national ownership of dangerous and explosive atomic materials, and for national ownership, operation and management of dangerous atomic facilities. This, in the opinion of the majority of the Commission, would not remove causes for suspicion, fear and distrust among nations, would render ineffective the prohibition of atomic weapons, and would continue dangerous national rivalries in the field of atomic energy;

Concludes

That the impasse as analysed in the third report of the Atomic Energy Commission still exists; that these differences are irreconcilable at the Commission level, and that further discussion in the Atomic Energy Commission would tend to harden these differences and would serve no practicable or useful purpose until such time as the sponsoring Powers have reported that there exists a basis for agreement.