



Thirteenth session
FIRST COMMITTEE
Agenda items 64, 70 and 72

QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT

THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN WEAPONS TESTS

THE REDUCTION OF THE MILITARY BUDGETS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AND FRANCE BY 10-15 PER CENT AND THE USE OF PART OF THE SAVINGS SO EFFECTED FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Iran, Italy, Laos, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the continuing interest and responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament, which have found expression in the Charter and in previous resolutions of the General Assembly,

Welcoming the agreement which has been achieved in the "Conference of Experts to Study the Possibility of Detecting Violations of a Possible Agreement on the Suspension of Nuclear Tests",

Noting that negotiations on the suspension of nuclear weapons tests and on the actual establishment of an international control system on the basis of the experts' report will begin on 31 October,

Noting further that qualified persons are expected to meet soon to study the technical aspects of measures against the possibility of surprise attack,

Recognizing that these developments are encouraging steps in the direction of progressive openness of information concerning technologies and armaments, which may assist in promoting the fundamental aims of the United Nations in the field of disarmament,

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1. Urges that in the negotiations between states that have tested nuclear weapons the parties make every effort to reach early agreement on the suspension of nuclear weapons tests under effective international control,

2. Urges the parties involved in these negotiations not to undertake further testing of nuclear weapons while these negotiations are in progress,

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3. Calls attention to the importance and urgency of achieving the widest possible measure of agreement in the forthcoming study of the technical aspects of measures against the possibility of surprise attack,

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4. Expresses determination that the trend of the recent encouraging initiatives, including the technical approach, should continue with a view to contributing to a balanced and effectively controlled world-wide system of disarmament,

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5. Invites the conferences on nuclear weapons tests and on surprise attack to avail themselves of the assistance and services of the Secretary-General and requests them to keep the United Nations informed,

6. Invites the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Governments concerned to render whatever advice and assistance may seem appropriate to facilitate current developments or any further initiatives related to problems of disarmament,

7. Requests that the records of the meetings of the First Committee at which various aspects of disarmament were discussed be transmitted by the Secretary-General to the participants in the conferences on nuclear weapons tests and on surprise attack.
