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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States
of America: revised draft resolution

Conclusion of an international convention prohibiting the
development, production, stockpiling and use of
radiological weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling the resolution of the Commission for Conventional Armaments of 12 August 1948, which defined weapons of mass destruction to include atomic explosive weapons, radioactive material weapons, lethal chemical and biological weapons and any weapons developed in the future which have characteristics comparable in destructive effect to those of the atomic bomb or other weapons mentioned above,

Recalling its resolution 2602 C (XXIV) of 16 December 1969,

Recalling paragraph 76 of the Final Document of its special session devoted to disarmament (S-10/2), which states that a convention should be concluded prohibiting the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons,

Convinced that such a convention would serve to spare mankind from the potential dangers of the use of radioactive materials to cause destruction, damage or injury by means of the radiation produced by the decay of such material and thereby contribute to strengthening peace and averting threat of war,

1. Welcomes the report of the Committee on Disarmament with regard to radiological weapons and, particularly, its stated intention to continue consideration of proposals for a convention banning these weapons at its next annual session;

2. Requests the Committee on Disarmament to proceed as soon as possible to achieve agreement, through negotiation, on the text of such a convention and to report on the results achieved for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on Disarmament all documents relating to the discussion of the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons".
