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SECOND REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

1. The Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission, which is composed of representatives of Canada, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, was established by the Commission at its 35th meeting on 19 April 1954, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 715 (VIII) of 28 November 1953. On 22 June 1954, the Sub-Committee submitted its first report (DC/53) to the Disarmament Commission. The Disarmament Commission, at its 44th meeting on 19 November 1954, decided, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 808 (IX) of 4 November 1954 to request the Sub-Committee to reconvene and resume its work.
2. The Sub-Committee held its 21st meeting at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 8 December 1954, considered administrative and procedural arrangements, and agreed to continue its discussions in London in the latter part of February 1955.
3. The Sub-Committee's discussions continued at Lancaster House in London for twenty-eight meetings (22nd to 49th inclusive) between 25 February and 18 May 1955.
4. During the course of these meetings, various proposals, draft resolutions, and memoranda were submitted to the Sub-Committee, as follows:

DC/SC.1/12/Rev.1	25 February 1955	Draft resolution on the limitation of armaments and destruction of stocks of atomic weapons - submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (See Annex 1)
DC/SC.1/13	4 March 1955	Memorandum - submitted by Canada, France, United Kingdom, and United States (See Annex 2)
DC/SC.1/14	8 March 1955	Draft resolution - submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (See Annex 3)
DC/SC.1/15/Rev.1	8 March 1955	Joint draft resolution - submitted by Canada, France, United Kingdom and United States (See Annex 4)
DC/SC.1/16	11 March 1955	Declaration of the delegations of Canada, France, United Kingdom and United States (See Annex 5)

DC/SC.1/17	12 March 1955	Joint draft resolution - submitted by Canada, France, United Kingdom and United States (See Annex 6)
DC/SC.1/18	12 March 1955	Statement made by Mr. Gromyko on 11 March 1955 - submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (See Annex 7)
DC/SC.1/19/Rev.1	18 March 1955	Draft resolution on the conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen, and other weapons of mass destruction - submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (See Annex 8)
DC/SC.1/20	29 March 1955	Memorandum on reductions of armed forces - submitted by the delegations of the United Kingdom and France (See Annex 9)
DC/SC.1/21	29 March 1955	Amendment to four-Power draft resolution of 8 March 1955 (DC/SC.1/15/Rev.1) - submitted by Canada, France, United Kingdom, and United States (See Annex 10)
DC/SC.1/22	1 April 1955	Amendments to four-Power draft resolution of 8 March 1955 (DC/SC.1/15/Rev.1) submitted by Canada, France, United Kingdom, and United States (See Annex 11)
DC/SC.1/23	18 April 1955	Proposal on nuclear disarmament - submitted by Canada, France, United Kingdom and United States (See Annex 12)
DC/SC.1/24	19 April 1955	Memorandum on prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons - submitted by the delegations of France and United Kingdom (See Annex 13)
DC/SC.1/25	21 April 1955	Joint draft resolution on the principles of control - submitted by Canada, France, United Kingdom, and United States (See Annex 14)
DC/SC.1/26/Rev.2	10 May 1955	Proposal on the reduction of armaments, the prohibition of atomic weapons, and the elimination of the threat of a new war - submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (See Annex 15)

5. At its 49th meeting on 18 May 1955, the Sub-Committee agreed that its next meeting should be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 1 June 1955 "in order to give the five Governments represented on the Sub-Committee an opportunity to consider the situation now reached and the progress made since the talks began on 25 February". The 50th meeting of the Sub-Committee was accordingly held at New York, when the Sub-Committee discussed its future programme of work.

6. The Sub-Committee reconvened at United Nations Headquarters on 29 August 1955 to continue its work. It decided to take account of the directive issued by the four Heads of Government at the conclusion of their conference in Geneva on 23 July 1955. It continued its discussions for 18 meetings (51st to 68th meetings inclusive) between 29 August and 7 October 1955.

7. During the course of these meetings, various proposals, working papers, and memoranda were submitted to the Sub-Committee, as follows:

DC/SC.1/27	29 August 1955	Draft agreement on the financial supervision of disarmament and the allocation for peaceful purposes of the resulting funds - submitted by France (See Annex 16)
DC/SC.1/28	29 August 1955	Memorandum containing statement on disarmament by the President of the United States, made on 21 July 1955 at the Geneva meetings of the Heads of Government of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, and the United States - submitted by United States (See Annex 17)
DC/SC.1/29/Rev.1	29 August 1955	Proposal by Mr. N. A. Bulganin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, at the meeting of the Heads of Government of the four Powers held on 21 July 1955 - submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (See Annex 18)
DC/SC.1/30	29 August 1955	Memorandum containing proposal by the United Kingdom delegation at Geneva - submitted by United Kingdom (See Annex 19)

DC/SC.1/31	30 August 1955	Outline plan for the implementation of the 21 July 1955 Presidential proposal at Geneva regarding disarmament - submitted by the United States (See Annex 20)
DC/SC.1/32	2 September 1955	Working paper containing proposals concerning the structure of the International Disarmament Organization - submitted by France (See Annex 21)
DC/SC.1/33	2 September 1955	Working paper containing proposals concerning the powers of the Control Administration - submitted by France (See Annex 22)
DC/SC.1/34	13 September 1955	Memorandum on the control organ: methods, objects and rights of inspection and supervision - submitted by the United Kingdom (See Annex 23)
DC/SC.1/35	6 October 1955	Working paper containing a proposal concerning the objects which should be subject to control - submitted by France (See Annex 24)
DC/SC.1/36	7 October 1955	Memorandum supplementing outline plan for the implementation of the 21 July 1955 Presidential proposal at Geneva regarding disarmament - submitted by the United States of America (See Annex 25)

8. The discussions at the meetings of the Sub-Committee during the period covered by this report are contained in the following records DC/SC.1/SR.21; DC/SC.1/PV.22-68. At the 68th meeting of the Sub-Committee, it was decided that its records, which had heretofore been "Secret", should be circulated as unrestricted documents.

9. Prior to the meetings of the Disarmament Commission, the Sub-Committee may hold further meetings and submit a supplementary report. Such meetings will be arranged by consultation among the members of the Sub-Committee.

10. This report was approved by all members of the Sub-Committee at the 68th meeting on 7 October 1955, and is hereby submitted to the Disarmament Commission as a report of the Sub-Committee's work to date.
