SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Canada, France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: joint draft resolution.

The General Assembly, (The Security Council)

Recalling its resolution of November 4, 1954, which was adopted unanimously,

Recalling further that in that resolution it concluded that a further effort should be made to reach agreement on comprehensive and co-ordinated proposals to be embodied in a draft international disarmament treaty,

Bearing in mind that the proposals for a disarmament programme submitted by France and the United Kingdom on June 11, 1954 (Annex 9 of DC/53) were accepted by the U.S.S.R. according to its draft resolution of October 8, 1954 (A/C.1/750), as a basis for a draft international disarmament treaty,

1. Considers that all States possessing nuclear weapons should regard themselves as prohibited in accordance with the terms of the Charter of the United Nations from the use of such weapons except in defence against aggression;
2. **Recommend**s that such a disarmament treaty should include an immediate and explicit acceptance of this prohibition by all signatory States, pending the total prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons as proposed in the subsequent paragraphs of this resolution;

3. **Further recommends** that the obligations assumed by the Members of the United Nations to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State should be accepted by all signatory States not Members of the United Nations;

4. **Considers** that such a disarmament treaty prepared by the Disarmament Commission and submitted by it to the Security Council to the General Assembly and to a World Disarmament Conference should include provisions covering the following:

   (a) The total prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction of every type, together with the conversion of existing stocks of nuclear weapons for peaceful purposes;

   (b) Major reductions in all armed forces and conventional armaments;

   (c) The establishment of a control organ with rights and powers and functions adequate to guarantee the effective observance of the agreed prohibitions and reductions;
5. **Further considers** that after the approval of the draft treaty by the World Disarmament Conference this instrument would be open to signature and adherence by all States. The treaty would enter into force immediately it had been ratified by those of the signatories who would be specified in the treaty;

6. **Decides** that the treaty should provide that the disarmament programme should be carried out as described below:

I. **After the constitution and positioning of the control organ, which shall be carried out within a specified time, and as soon as the control organ reports that it is able effectively to enforce them, the following measures shall enter into effect:**

   (a) Overall military manpower shall be limited to levels existing on December 31, 1954 or such other date as may be agreed at the World Disarmament Conference.

   (b) Overall military expenditure, both atomic and non-atomic, shall be limited to amounts spent in the year ending 31 December 1954 or such other date as may be agreed at the World Disarmament Conference.

II. **As soon as the control organ reports that it is able effectively to enforce them, the following measures shall enter into effect:**

   (a) One-half of the agreed reductions of conventional armaments and armed forces shall take effect;

   (b) On completion of (a) the manufacture of all kinds of nuclear weapons and all other prohibited weapons shall cease.
III. As soon as the control organ reports that it is able effectively to enforce them, the following measures shall enter into effect:

(a) The second half of the agreed reductions of conventional armaments and armed forces shall take effect:

(b) On completion of (a):

(i) The total prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons and the conversion of existing stocks of nuclear materials for peaceful purposes shall be carried out;

(ii) The total prohibition and elimination of all other prohibited weapons shall be carried out.

7. Expresses the hope that when all the measures enumerated above have been carried out the armaments and armed forces of the Powers will be further reduced to the levels strictly necessary for the maintenance of internal security and the fulfilment of the obligations of signatory States under the terms of the United Nations Charter;

8. Decides that the control organ shall remain in being to ensure that the reductions, prohibitions and eliminations are faithfully and permanently observed;

9. Requests the Commission to inform the General Assembly as soon as the preparation of the draft treaty has progressed to a point where, in the judgment of the Commission, its programme is ready for submission to the World Disarmament Conference.