Canada, France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America: proposal on nuclear disarmament

The delegations of Canada, France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America make the following proposal in relation to the destruction and prohibition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and the conversion for peaceful purposes of all stocks of fissile material in the possession of any State.

(1) A disarmament treaty shall include provision for the total prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and for the elimination of existing stocks; these measures shall be fitted in with reductions in armed forces and arms in such a way that no country's security will be endangered in the process;

(2) the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction must be supervised by an effective system of international control;

(3) when all nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction have been eliminated and all stocks of such weapons destroyed, all States signatory to the Disarmament Treaty shall convert and devote their supplies of fissile material to peaceful purposes only;
(4) all States signatory to the Disarmament Treaty which produce fissile material or possess scientific knowledge or experience in the nuclear field shall contribute to the fullest extent to the promotion of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy by all suitable means, and in particular through the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(5) to this end, the States signatory to the Disarmament Treaty:

(a) shall encourage and assist world-wide research and development, including full freedom to exchange information relating to industrial, medical and other peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

(b) shall make provision for nuclear materials to meet the need for research in and practical applications of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, including the production of electric power;

(c) shall foster the interchange of scientific, medical and technical information in the field of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

(d) shall pay special regard to the needs of under-developed territories;

(e) shall seek to devote a proportion of the savings resulting from world-wide disarmament and from the elimination of nuclear weapons to assistance in this field.