Committee I

Draft resolution of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States, submitted by Switzerland

The Conference,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons which, in its opinion, should be a step towards effective nuclear disarmament and a contribution to international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

Emphasizing the extent of the sacrifice imposed on non-nuclear-weapon States by the safeguards provided for in article III of the Treaty and the need to organize those safeguards in a manner that will best promote universality of the Treaty and avoid any discrimination,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 2373 (XXII) which, while commending the Treaty, affirmed that both nuclear-weapon and non-nuclear-weapon States carried the responsibility of acting in accordance with the principles of the Charter, including the principle that the sovereign equality of all States should be respected,

Mindful of articles III, VII and XII of the Statute of IAEA,

1. Recommends that the agreements provided for in article III, paragraph 4, of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons should be drawn up with due regard for the principle of the sovereign equality of States, so as to impose equivalent political or economic responsibilities upon all;

2. Recommends for this purpose that inter alia the following principles, which supplement and render more specific the Statute of IAEA, should be observed:

(a) The safeguard procedures should be simplified by limiting them to the flow of highly enriched uranium and plutonium, the only materials which can be used for military purposes;

(b) Instruments and other technical devices should be brought into use at certain strategic points as soon as possible;
(c) Fissionable materials in small quantities for use in scientific research should be exempt from the safeguards;

(d) The rules laid down against industrial risks, including industrial espionage, by the Statute of IAEA, the decisions of the Board of Governors and directives of the Director General, particularly with regard to the possibility of challenging inspectors, should be strengthened in the agreements;

(e) The cost of the safeguard procedures should be charged to the IAEA budget;

3. **Urge** the nuclear-weapon Powers to conclude with IAEA safeguard agreements consistent with the foregoing principles and applicable to their nuclear activities for peaceful purposes;

4. **Considers it essential** that rules should be drawn up to avoid duplication of safeguard procedures and consequent commercial discrimination, particularly during the period when the Non-Proliferation Treaty is in force only as between a relatively small number of States;

5. **Invites** the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Secretary-General of the Conference, to communicate this resolution to the International Atomic Energy Agency.