Committee Two

Working Paper submitted by the Italian delegation on the establishment of machinery responsible for the implementation of the conclusions of the Conference

(1) The conclusions of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States will be all the more effective if organizational machinery is set up to promote the necessary action for their implementation.

To this end, it would be desirable to study the possibility of arranging for:

(a) the convening, at periodic intervals, of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States;

(b) the establishment of a United Nations Special Committee for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

(2) From the point of view of procedure, it is thought that the most regular course that could be followed by this Conference would be to submit a recommendation, a draft of which is annexed for consideration, to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.

(3) With regard to the substance of the proposal, special attention should be paid to the Committee's composition and terms of reference.

(4) As regards composition, in the light of similar United Nations precedents, the Special Committee might reflect the geographical distribution and numerical membership of the General Committee of the Conference, with the representatives of any nuclear-weapon States which agreed to do so participating with full rights.

(5) The terms of reference of the Committee for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy which is the subject of this proposal, might be as follows:

(a) to study how best to ensure the implementation of the conclusions of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States;

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(b) to promote and to recommend to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned, through the General Assembly and with its approval, the necessary steps to ensure such implementation;
(c) to prepare the work and recommend the agenda of future Conference;
(d) to report to the General Assembly on its activities.

(6) The Committee for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy might be directed by a "General Committee" composed of the Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur, each chosen from the following categories of countries: nuclear-weapon States, non-nuclear-weapon but technologically and industrially advanced States, non-nuclear-weapon States belonging to the group of developing countries.

(7) The Committee for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy might meet regularly at Geneva, in view of the greater proximity of Geneva to the headquarters of the international agencies of the United Nations which are most concerned with nuclear questions.
Annex

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

The Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States, convinced of the need to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

Considering, to that end, that it is necessary to ensure that the wishes expressed during its debates, and the decisions adopted, are followed by their practical implementation and that within this framework the necessary action should be undertaken,

Having regard to articles 4 and 5 of the Non-Proliferation Treaty,

Considering the importance of instituting permanent co-operation on the subject of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and the benefits to be derived from the application of nuclear explosions to peaceful purposes;

Recommends the General Assembly of the United Nations at its twenty-third session to:

(1) Convene, every ... years, the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States;
(2) Set up a Special Committee for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, with its headquarters at Geneva and composed of the following countries ..... 
(3) Entrust the Special Committee for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy with the following terms of reference:
   (a) To study how best to ensure the implementation of the conclusions of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States;
   (b) To promote and to recommend to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies concerned, through the General Assembly and with its approval, the necessary steps to ensure such implementation;
   (c) To prepare the work and recommend the agenda of future Conferences;
   (d) To report to the General Assembly on its activities;
   (4) Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the first session of the Committee to be held at Geneva before ..... 1969.