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MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1968

The Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,

Noting the agreement reached between the Governments of the USSR and the United States in July 1968 to enter in the nearest future into bilateral discussion on the limitation of both offensive strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems and systems of defence against ballistic missiles,

Observing that such discussions have not yet taken place,

Recalling that Article VI of the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons embodies an undertaking of the Parties to the Treaty to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament,

Convinced that negotiations between the two nuclear-weapon powers should aim at, and lead to, negotiations among all such powers with a view to the cessation of the nuclear arms race and to the achievement of nuclear disarmament and relaxation of tensions,

Deeply concerned at the imminent danger of a renewal of the strategic nuclear arms race and its escalation to new levels which would become uncontrollable and of the consequent grave threat to the security of all States,

Emphasizing the special responsibility of the United States and the USSR to avert that danger,

Conscious of the vital need of mankind for a diversion to peaceful purposes of the resources at present consumed by the maintenance and augmentation of nuclear destructive power,

Urges the Governments of the USSR and the United States to enter at an early date into bilateral discussions on the limitation of offensive strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems and systems of defence against ballistic missiles.