

Firstly, the continuation of international negotiations in such body as may be agreed. The representative of Iceland, in his proposed amendment, recommends that these negotiations be continued in the 10-Nation Committee, and you know...we have thought that that would be the sensible forum. However, our resolution reads "in such a body as may be agreed", that is, by the four powers which set up the original Disarmament Committee, or as may be agreed by all the members of the Disarmament Commission.

Secondly, it provides for consideration of the appointment of one or more impartial officers to facilitate these negotiations. We have not, of course, gone into detail such as has been given by the representative of Iceland, but as I have explained at the opening of my remarks, we are in agreement with the suggestion that he has made.

Thirdly, we propose the immediate establishment by the Disarmament Commission of an ad hoc committee. This, of course, is where we differ from Iceland.

Fourthly, we propose the urgent examination by the ad hoc committee of ways and means of assisting in the resumption of serious negotiations and facilitating the attainment of the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control. That would be the main task of the ad hoc committee, to take steps to help bring about a resumption of negotiations.

Fifthly, we ask for consultations as appropriate by the ad hoc committee with the four governments which established the 10-Nation Committee. Of course, as our draft resolution recognizes, the main responsibility rests on the nuclear powers, but what we seek to ensure by proposing the ad hoc committee is that the responsibility and the interests of other states can be brought to bear in a concentrated form with a view to assisting those who have the main responsibility and with a view to preserving the ultimate responsibility for disarmament which rests with the United Nations.

Ad Hoc Committee Proposal

In their consultations with other delegations, and in preparing to present the three-power draft resolution, the co-sponsors Norway, Sweden and Canada, have taken full account of the efforts to evolve a middle position on principles. Success in that direction would reduce one formidable obstacle to renewed negotiations and would ease the responsibility which the three-power draft resolution seeks to give to the ad hoc committee. Quite apart from principles, it is very apparent that the ad hoc committee would provide an effective working body for studying and