

Deeming it essential that preparations should be begun immediately to facilitate the earliest possible continuation of disarmament negotiations,

Recognizing that, while the main responsibility for negotiating agreement rests on the military nuclear powers, other states also bear a responsibility and have the deepest interest in assisting to the end that disarmament negotiations can be vigorously and seriously pursued,

1. Reaffirms the continuing and ultimate responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament;
2. Expresses the hope that, in view of the urgency and overriding importance of disarmament, every effort will be made to achieve general and complete disarmament under effective international control by the earliest possible continuation of international negotiations in such body as may be agreed, giving consideration in this regard to the appointment of one or more impartial officers to facilitate these negotiations;
3. Recommends the immediate establishment by the Disarmament Commission of an ad hoc Committee on Disarmament, to be composed of a limited number of states which do not possess nuclear weapons, selected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;
4. Requests the ad hoc Committee, with the assistance of experts as appropriate, to examine urgently ways and means of assisting the resumption of serious negotiations and facilitating the attainment of the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, on the basis of available documentation, including the records of the present session of the General Assembly, with special reference to: (a) the important question of principles which should guide disarmament negotiations; and (b) the specific suggestions made by member states during the present session of the General Assembly with regard to disarmament;
5. Further requests the ad hoc Committee to consult as appropriate with the four governments which established the Ten-Nation Committee on Disarmament, and to report to the Disarmament Commission not later than April 1, 1961.

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