

NOVEMBER 4, 1948, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 191 (III)

REPORTS OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

(Adopted at 157th Plenary Meeting by a vote of 40 in favour (including Canada), 6 against (Soviet Bloc), with 4 abstentions)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the first, second and third reports of the Atomic Energy Commission, which have been transmitted to it by the Security Council in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 1 of 24 January 1946,

1. Approves the general findings (part II C) and recommendations (part III) of the first report and the specific proposals of part II of the second report of the Commission as constituting the necessary basis for establishing an effective system of international control of atomic energy to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes and for the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons in accordance with the terms of reference of the Atomic Energy Commission;

2. Expresses its deep concern at the impasse which has been reached in the work of the Atomic Energy Commission, as shown in its third report, and regrets that unanimous agreement has not yet been reached;

3. Requests the six sponsors of the General Assembly resolution of 24 January 1946, which are the permanent members of the Atomic Energy Commission, to meet together and consult in order to determine if there exists a basis for agreement on the international control of atomic energy to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes and for the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons, and to report to the General Assembly the results of their consultation not later than its next regular session;

4. Meanwhile,

The General Assembly

Calls upon the Atomic Energy Commission to resume its sessions, to survey its programme of work, and to proceed to the further study of such of the subjects remaining in the programme of work as it considers to be practicable and useful.