

selection of UN members, particularly the neutrals represented in Geneva. In the absence of such support, a purely Western resolution could be resented by other UN members and might result in the submission of competing resolutions by other delegations (i.e., the opposite of what we wish to achieve). Accordingly, I wish you to re-emphasize to your colleagues the importance we attach to obtaining wide backing for a resolution before going ahead with its submission. In making this point you should explain that these tactics need not involve a decision now as to exactly when the resolution would be submitted, since if broad support is forthcoming at an early stage we would of course agree to submission of a resolution at that time.

6. The composite draft resolution, text of which is given in your telegram 1444 August 30, incorporates the main points referred to in my telegram N-276 and is satisfactory to us for the most part. I believe, however, that it should give a more forceful presentation of the need to resume negotiations in the ENDC and to continue there until concrete results have been achieved. As a result I would like to see amendments along the following lines included in a revised draft:

(a) An additional paragraph, to be inserted at the beginning of the operative section, in which the UNGA would “endorse” or “welcome” the decision of the ENDC to resume work on November 12. This addition would give direct UNGA approval to resumed negotiations and in addition might help to head off possible Soviet manoeuvres to delay the resumption of work in the ENDC.

(b) The addition of an operative paragraph along these lines would remove the need for the present preambular paragraph merely “noting” that ENDC negotiations will be resumed. In place of this paragraph I think it would be useful, following the draft text given in my telegram N-275, for the UNGA to recognize the importance of “continuing and uninterrupted” negotiations in the ENDC. This would follow logically from the preceding paragraph which speaks of the work done so far. It also serves to underline our main preoccupation which is to achieve the clearest possible endorsement of continued work in the ENDC, a point which I believe is not brought out strongly enough despite the reference to it which is now included in operative paragraph 2.

(c) It would be desirable in the third preambular paragraph for the UNGA to take note of the progress reports of the ENDC rather than merely recognizing the “useful work” done in Geneva in general terms as this paragraph now does.

7. With respect to continuing discussion of UNGA tactics I agree that the main centre for consultation will shortly have to shift to New York when ENDC representatives leave Geneva after the recess. In the meantime, however, I wish you to put the above points to your Western colleagues and to keep in close touch with them regarding further developments which may effect choice of tactics in the UNGA.

8. *For London.* Reference your telegram 4144 August 31, † please convey to Foreign Office the additional views on the draft general disarmament resolution which are given above together with relevant points made in my telegram 276 August 29.

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