

principles with a view to assisting the resumption of negotiations. If some agreement on principles can be reached in the First Committee, this task of the ad hoc committee will be made more easy, but there will remain other questions for its consideration.

The draft resolution adopts a similar approach to the many useful suggestions member delegations have made during the course of our debate. It provides that these should be studied, as part of the examination of ways and means of assisting the resumption of serious negotiations and facilitating the attainment of disarmament.

If at any stage of their work the ad hoc committee should find that they would benefit from having expert advice or opinions, the committee could call in experts whose main qualifications would be their technical competence in the field of disarmament. Provision is made in the resolution for having the "assistance of experts as appropriate".

In preparing our text, the co-sponsors have had the benefit of many helpful comments made both in Committee and in private. We hope we have succeeded in reflecting the strong desire, expressed by the majority of delegations, that something be done to get disarmament negotiations moving.

The Canadian Delegation earnestly commends the proposals in the draft resolution as the best means for achieving that end. If the Committee sees fit to endorse these proposals the possibility of achievement will be greatly enhanced.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON DISARMAMENT

(Agenda Items 67 and 86)

November 1, 1960.

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1378(XIV) adopted unanimously on November 20, 1959, which states that the question of general and complete disarmament is the most important one facing the world today,

Recalling also its resolution 1495(XV) adopted unanimously on October 18, 1960, which urges that immediate and constructive steps be adopted in regard to the urgent problems concerning the peace of the world and the advancement of its peoples,

Noting the resolution adopted unanimously by the Disarmament Commission on August 18, 1960, which calls for the earliest possible continuation of disarmament negotiations,

Disturbed that, despite agreement on the common goal of general and complete disarmament, negotiations are not proceeding,