

deliberations in the Disarmament Commission might interfere with the all-important process of direct detailed negotiations among the parties primarily responsible for achieving an agreement on disarmament. On the contrary, it is the opinion of my Delegation and a number of others that the Disarmament Commission could play a most useful role by considering progress reports from the negotiating body and, in addition, by examining the views of member states on disarmament for transmission where appropriate to the negotiating parties.

We therefore hope that the negotiating body will give careful consideration to the questions involved in establishing satisfactory means of communication with the Disarmament Commission. Whether further means may be required to provide for the effective consideration of views submitted to the Disarmament Commission will, we think, be best determined at a later date. After there has been an opportunity to assess the requirements arising out of the resumed disarmament negotiations, it may be desirable to examine again the feasibility of establishing such further machinery.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, may I say my Delegation is happy to lend its full support to the draft resolution introduced by the Representatives of the Soviet Union and the United States. It is important that the General Assembly should take note of the useful exchange of views between these two Powers and that it should also reaffirm its fundamental responsibility for disarmament. The draft resolution before this Committee takes into account these considerations, and it is the hope of my Delegation, Mr. Chairman, that it will receive the unanimous support of the Committee.