

national armaments of atomic weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

(c) The conclusion of the peace settlements with Germany and Japan. Conditions of international peace and security will not be fully established until measures have been agreed upon which will prevent these States from undertaking aggressive action in the future.

4. A system for the regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces, in order to make possible the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources pursuant to Article 26 of the Charter of the United Nations, must limit armaments and armed forces to those which are consistent with and indispensable to the maintenance of international peace and security. Such armaments and armed forces should not exceed those necessary for the implementation of members' obligations and the protection of their rights under the Charter of the United Nations.

5. A system for the regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces must include an adequate system of safeguards, which by including an agreed system of international supervision will ensure the observance of the provisions of the treaty or convention by all parties thereto. A system of safeguards cannot be adequate unless it possesses the following characteristics:

(a) it is technically feasible and practical;

(b) it is capable of detecting promptly the occurrence of violations;

(c) it causes the minimum interference with, and imposes the minimum burdens on, any aspect of the life of individual nations.

6. Provision must be made for effective enforcement action in the event of violations.

AUGUST 12, 1948, COMMISSION FOR CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS  
RESOLUTION

DEFINITION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS

(Adopted at 13th Meeting)

The Commission for Conventional Armaments resolves to advise the Security Council

1. that it considers that all armaments and armed forces, except atomic weapons and weapons of mass destruction, fall within its jurisdiction and that weapons of mass destruction should be defined to include atomic explosive weapons, radio active material weapons, lethal chemical and biological weapons, and any weapons developed in the future which have characteristics comparable in destructive effect to those of the atomic bomb or other weapons mentioned above.

2. that it proposes to proceed with its work on the basis of the above definition.