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Disarmament: Non-Proliferation of Nuclear
Weapons and Related Disarmament Problems

Text of Statement to be delivered in the
First Committee by the Canadian Represen-
tative, General E. L. M. Burns, on
Tuesday, October 19, 1965.

In beginning to discuss the vital problem of preventing the further spread of nuclear weapons, we cannot do better than quote from the memorandum on this subject by the eight non-aligned members of the ENDC. This is document ENDC/158 of 15 September, 1965, and is included in document A/5986. The parts of this memorandum which we think this committee should particularly note are the following:

"The Disarmament Commission of the United Nations adopted Resolution DC/225 on 15 June, 1965, with an overwhelming majority and, inter alia, 'convinced that failure to conclude a universal treaty or agreement to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons leads to the most serious consequences', recommended that the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee should 'also accord special priority to the consideration of the question of a treaty or convention to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, giving close attention to the various suggestions that agreement could be facilitated by adopting a programme of certain related measures.' ... The delegations of the NATO countries represented in the Committee have submitted a draft treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. The non-aligned delegations regret, however, that it has not yet been possible to reconcile the various approaches for an appropriate or adequate treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. ... A treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons is not an end in itself but only a means to an end. That end is the achievement of General and Complete Disarmament, and, more particularly, nuclear