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## RECALL 10-NATION DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE, GREEN URGES

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly in New York on August 16, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard C. Green, made the following earnest appeal for the reconvening of the 10-Nation Disarmament Committee adjourned at Geneva on June 27:

"Our hopes and desires...were rudely shattered when, on June 27, the negotiations in the 10-Nation Committee were interrupted. It would be quite fruitless, and indeed contrary to my whole purpose, if I were to dwell upon the reasons for the interruption of those negotiations. They are dealt with, in any event, by the Report to the Disarmament Commission by the five Western members of the 10-Nation Committee. I shall say only that, in the Canadian view, the negotiations need never have been broken off. I hope to demonstrate this during the course of my statement. My object in doing so is to support wholeheartedly the main purpose for which this meeting of the Disarmament Commission has been convened, that is, to bring about a resumption of the disarmament negotiations.

"I do not wish to imply that the results obtained in the 10-Nation Committee were what they should have been. On the contrary, the Canadian Government believes that greater progress was possible and should have been made. In statements in Canada and elsewhere, I have made no secret of my view that, in some respects, the pace and trend of events in the 10-Nation Committee was unsatisfactory. I do say, however, that the negotiations in the 10-

Nation Committee did produce some drawing-together of opposing positions and should have been pursued....

## BALANCING CONCESSIONS

"In their efforts to bring about serious negotiations in the 10-Nation Committee, Canadian spokesmen have used the phrase 'balanced concessions'. To us, this is a significant phrase, for several reasons. For one thing, balanced concessions are, of course, the essence of a true negotiation. For another, the conception of balanced concessions has particular significance in the field of disarmament.

"It seems to me we must contemplate a process whereby the final goal of disarmament will be arrived at through stages, balanced so that at no point will any one nation or group of nations be in a position to pose a threat to the security of another. The idea of achieving disarmament through balanced concessions has therefore been central to Canadian thinking about the negotiations in the 10-Nation Committee....

"The process which has gone on could be described as follows: At the beginning of the negotiations in March, each side introduced a plan. After examining these plans, both sides concluded that the plan of the other side was not satisfactory. Subsequently, after further reflection, each side introduced new proposals. These later proposals contained elements of balanced concessions to each other's