

who have made a contribution to its work. The sponsoring delegations also consider it appropriate and desirable to have the General Assembly draw attention to the main conclusions reached in the Scientific Committee's report as quoted in operative Paragraph 3 of the first part of the draft resolution. As was done following the presentation of the first comprehensive report four years ago, the first part of our text would also have the General Assembly request the Scientific Committee to continue its task and report to the Assembly in its eighteenth session on its future programme of work. There is much still to be done and we have confidence in the Committee's unique ability to address itself constructively to the remaining tasks of serious concern to the world in accordance with priorities which the Committee itself is in the best position to determine.

The second part of our draft resolution would make it possible for the General Assembly, in the light of the progress report received from the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, to take effective and appropriate action in pursuance of the proposal contained in the second part of Resolution 1629 adopted at the sixteenth session. This admirably comprehensive and succinct report was distributed as Conference Document A/5253, on October 8, 1962. The World Meteorological Organization, in consultation with the Scientific Committee and with the International Atomic Energy Agency, has reached an advanced stage in the elaboration of its plans and it seems desirable therefore to reflect this fact in the draft resolution and to indicate the wish of the Assembly that all concerned should facilitate the progress of the task facing the World Meteorological Organization.

For its part, the Canadian Government has undertaken a review of its own facilities at the national level, which should make possible Canada's joining the plan at an early date following its final acceptance. This procedure is consistent with the attitude taken by the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, at the General Assembly on September 25 of this year. Mr. Green then said: "The dangers involved are immediate. They affect us now and what is even more important, they will affect future generations."

I suggest... that it would be difficult for any of us here to overlook the grim uncertainties which confront our civilization. Is it not, then, eminently sensible that we should use all of the very considerable scientific resources we possess to determine quickly and effectively the nature and degree of the risks involved in artificial contamination of the atmosphere? We cannot do less if we are to accept our responsibility to future generations. We might well do more. It is with these considerations in mind that my Delegation is presenting this resolution, which has been so widely co-sponsored. I hope that it can be unanimously endorsed.