

In order to stop the arms race spreading to outer space, Canada has proposed in this Committee that immediate action should be taken to prevent the placing of weapons of mass destruction in orbit. We urge that when the Disarmament Committee resumes its work redoubled efforts be made to reach agreement on the important questions before this collateral measures committee.

This Assembly should bring to bear the full force of world public opinion to ensure more rapid progress on disarmament. To achieve this we must, first of all, avoid propaganda exchanges. We must also assess the possibilities for compromise on important points which are still in dispute. Finally, we must recommend as forcefully as possible - I would hope with one voice - that the Disarmament Committee in Geneva renew its efforts at the earliest possible moment.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers just last week recorded their unanimous conviction in this sense in the following words:

"The Prime Ministers agreed that the need for disarmament had been intensified by the steady development of ever more powerful weapons. They re-affirmed the principles laid down in their statement on disarmament of March 17, 1961, and expressed their conviction that the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee at Geneva should continue its efforts towards a treaty for general and complete disarmament in accordance with these principles. They noted that discussions on the cessation of nuclear weapons tests had also been taking place in Geneva and expressed the hope that these efforts would be successful in bringing into being an effective treaty to eradicate this source of fear and danger to mankind."