

the terms of this resolution qualify not only the recommendations given in the second report, but that they are also binding in any further work which may be undertaken.

In consequence, I hope it is clear that every nation is fully protected in every matter at this stage, where we are endeavouring to complete each of the several various separate portions of our studies.

When these separate portions are each completed to the preliminary stage, they will be brought together and a process of correlation and co-ordination will undoubtedly be required.

Right up to the final negotiation of the Treaty and to its signatures and ratification, every nation will maintain its full rights against any clause or provision to which it may hold objection.

Now, as regards the second amendment proposed by India. The effect of this, in our opinion, would be to ask the Commission to proceed now to the drafting of a Treaty incorporating its ultimate proposals.

In the absence of the political agreement, which does not, unfortunately, at present exist, and which we will seek through the mechanism of the meetings of the sponsors, as we have proposed, the India amendment, if accepted, would require that the Commission proceed by majority vote to prescribe the precise terms of this Treaty or convention.

In my earlier remarks I indicated that I felt that this would be premature, and that its probable effect would be to accentuate differences, to harden positions, and to awake immediate anxieties rather than to clarify understandings and promote the universal agreement which must, in the end, be reached if the civilizations of the world are to be saved from disaster.

We feel that premature action to force decisions would be unfortunate and that, while the Commission should undertake all the work which, in its judgment, it can usefully undertake, it should not be forced to embark on processes which would make ultimate agreement less easy.

For these reasons, Mr. President, the Canadian delegation are unable to give their support to the amendments proposed by India and we will, as I have said, vote for the resolution in the form in which it has come to us from our First Committee. May I say again that I am very glad that the proposal of the delegation of India has given me this opportunity for further explanation.

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