

interpretation provided by him in his introductory statement. The relevant extracts from the record are reproduced in Annex I to this letter.†

11. The remaining 27 amendments were tabled by the Soviet Union, Poland and Bulgaria. They are set out in documents GOV/673, 674 and 675. With one or two exceptions these were substantial amendments and their cumulative effect would have been to emasculate the safeguards document. Since they were also amendments which had been proposed at previous stages in the Board's consideration of this matter, it was the inclination of the Canadian delegation to dispose of them as a group rather than to deal with them individually on their merits. This view did not, however, commend itself to a majority of the other suppliers and it was accordingly agreed to allocate each amendment to be dealt with by one member of the suppliers' group. It was also agreed that at least one of the Soviet amendments and possibly another could be supported without detriment to the safeguards document. This course was urged particularly by the United States delegation who were clearly anxious not to appear to be opposing all Soviet amendments merely because they had been put forward by the Soviet delegation. As was inevitable in a very long debate, however, our side fell into some degree of disarray and a few amendments gained acceptance which should probably have been rejected. In line with your instructions the Canadian delegation voted against all the Soviet bloc amendments except a technical amendment to paragraph 56 of document GC(IV)/108/Rev.1 for which there was unanimous support in the Board.

12. The amendments made by the Board in the course of its discussion of the safeguards document are set out in document GOV/679. While this might give the impression of a substantial number of amendments having been made, the fact is that a number of these are drafting amendments or amendments that are consequential upon the adoption of the South African amendment concerning minimum quantities.

[13.] When the Board had completed its consideration of the amendments, it proceeded with the passage of the draft resolution set out in document GOV/671 the object of which it was to give effect to the safeguards document as amended. The resolution, of which Canada was a co-sponsor, was adopted on a roll-call vote by 17 votes to 6 (Bulgaria, Ceylon, India, Iraq, Poland, Soviet Union). A copy of that resolution, as passed by the Board on January 31, is reproduced in Annex II to this letter.† This formally completed the Board's action on the formulation of principles and procedures for the application of Agency safeguards.

[14.] At the conclusion of the debate on safeguards there was a brief discussion on the question of the recruitment of inspectors which still remains to be settled. It was clear, however, that a majority of delegations were not prepared to enter into a substantive discussion of this question at this time and it was agreed, therefore, to insert an appropriate item in the agenda for the Board's next series of meetings in April. In the meantime, it was agreed that the Director General might informally and without commitment study the problem of action to be taken as a result of the Board's decision on safeguards, one such problem being the appointment of a Director of the Division of Inspection.

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