

well as in the territories of all other principal States. It strikes our delegation that an inspection of this nature is clearly a necessary prerequisite if a sound basis for progressive general disarmament is to be established. Following such an inspection a formula of disarmament must be found which would be related to the needs of international peace and security. The Canadian delegation will await with interest the Soviet delegate's reply to this question, already put and now repeated.

Mr. Chairman, I have made it clear why this delegation considers that the Soviet resolution, in spite of its appearance of simplicity, would actually set us back in the complicated task of securing disarmament. A decision has already been taken to disarm, in the General Assembly resolution of 1946, and adequate machinery has been established to carry out that purpose. All that is needed now is the willingness on the part of all nations to accept the principles and procedures for disarmament which are acceptable to the majority. We have before us this morning a resolution that has been circulated by the United Kingdom delegation. It makes the circumstances clear by referring to the Military Staff Committee and the Commission on Conventional Armaments and the Atomic Energy Commission Bodies which are already charged with the technical tasks of disarmament. It makes clear also that a majority of nations in those Bodies are willing to disarm on the basis of principles which will not endanger the lives and homes of their people. This resolution if adopted by the Assembly will demonstrate to the world that disarmament is possible, without threat or danger to any State, whether in the majority or minority in this debate, if the lines of approach, already laid down, are followed. The principles of this resolution are ones to which the Canadian delegation fully adheres, and we are prepared to continue our participation in efforts to put them into practice. The Canadian delegation hopes that the Committee will put before the Assembly a resolution in terms of the United Kingdom proposal.