

there has been an alleged or suspected transfer of control of nuclear weapons by one state to another. I can envisage a role being played by the Security Council or regional organizations, as the case may be, in the operation of such a mechanism.

In recognition of the acceptance of those constraints and their contribution to the building of international confidence, it should, surely, not be beyond the collective genius of the nuclear powers to provide those non-nuclear states, which are either non-aligned or neutral and which evidently regard the option of being able to become nuclear powers at some future time as a factor contributing to their national security, with a credible guarantee against nuclear attack. This would not, of course, alter in any way their non-aligned or neutral status.

These are some of the directions in which I see the possibilities of progress in the field of disarmament. In the final analysis, however, disarmament is only one avenue towards peace. It cannot by itself vouchsafe peace to the world. In particular, we must not let our preoccupation with disarmament diminish our efforts to strengthen "the sense of community and commonwealth of interest in the world in which lies the real hope of making weapons less relevant".

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