

In saying this I do not suggest any specific date by which the Disarmament Commission must necessarily meet. However, I do believe that the stage should be set for a meeting of the Disarmament Commission at any time deemed appropriate by the Chairman of that Commission and its members.

We all realize, I am sure, that if we allow the discussions which we have had over the past three months to terminate without reaching some conclusion as to the way in which the United Nations is to fulfill its ultimate responsibility for disarmament, we risk being accused of indifference to one of the greatest problems facing the world today. We must take steps to reassure the peoples of the world that the cause of disarmament is not hopeless. We must show them that the governments represented here are determined to continue the search for a solution through serious negotiations. The Government of Canada and the other governments co-sponsoring the resolution in 255 Rev. 1 earnestly believe that it offers at least a modest measure of hope to an anxious and expectant world.

With the above in mind, Mr. Chairman, I wish to move formally:

- (a) That this Committee decide to vote immediately on the three-Power and twenty-six-Power resolutions on nuclear tests in Documents 256 and 258 Rev. 1 and the five-Power resolution against the dissemination of nuclear weapons in Document 253 Rev. 1;
- (b) That this Committee agree not to vote at this time on any of the nine resolutions of a more controversial character contained in Documents A/4509, L.249, L.250, L.251, L.252 Rev. 1, L.254, L.259, L.260 Rev. 1 and L.264 Rev. 1.;
- (c) That this Committee decide to vote on the procedural resolution co-sponsored by nineteen governments in Document L.255 Rev. 1.

My proposal is a formal one, Mr. Chairman. It is advanced in a sincere effort to facilitate the successful conclusion of our work in the limited time left to us before the end of this part of our session.