

clusions which have already been accepted by a majority of the members of the Commission. On the strength of this resolution it will be possible for the members of the Commission to return to their task and to proceed to such further studies as are practicable in the confidence that they will have the support which comes from the acceptance, by a majority of the nations of the world, of the basic conclusions which they have already reached.

Before the Atomic Energy Commission can go far in this work, however, it will be necessary to clear the ground of present difficulties and misunderstandings which make agreement on principles impossible amongst the Powers most directly concerned. It is therefore proposed in this resolution that the nations which, by reason of their special concern, first brought the question of the control of atomic energy to the attention of the United Nations and who are referred to as the "sponsors", shall consult together to determine if there exists a basis on which the work of the Atomic Energy Commission may be pressed forward to completion by the preparation of a draft treaty or convention. The sponsors will, of course, be required to consider this problem in all its aspects. Speaking for the Canadian delegation, it is our intention to press for a meeting of the sponsors at the earliest possible moment, and to press also that representation of the six nations at this meeting shall be on the high level appropriate to the consideration and resolution of the political difficulties which exist. If, as a result of these consultations, the sponsors are able to report back to the Assembly, either in a regular session or, if necessary, in a special session, that some clarification or adjustment of the existing position will enable the world to proceed towards a solution of the problem of the control of atomic energy, the Canadian delegation will be the first to welcome that development and give its support in the Assembly to a directive which might then be issued by the Assembly to the Atomic Energy Commission. In the meantime the Canadian delegation will use its best endeavours to contribute to such work as the Atomic Energy Commission may find it useful and practicable to undertake. I would like to make it quite clear that we believe the sponsors should have the responsibility of removing the political difficulties so that the Commission may proceed with the solution of the technical difficulties which are outstanding.

My final proposition is this. The problem of atomic energy is so complicated and the issues are so fateful that the world must not be led into the belief that any simple solution is adequate. This is our serious and honest objection to the Soviet proposal, which we consider to represent an oversimplification of the grave problems at issue. The processes for the preparation of the materials which release atomic energy are long and complicated and costly. The process by which these materials are assembled in an atomic bomb is quick and relatively simple; it is the same material that serves for peaceful uses in the arts and sciences or for destruction, and as a consequence every step of the process from the time the ores are first separated from the ground must be controlled. The world will be free from the danger of atomic warfare only if the whole process from beginning to end is placed within the framework of an adequate system of control and development. It is because of the absence of this effective control that we are convinced that the proposal which the Soviet delegation has made is quite inadequate to give the assurance of security which the nations of the world require.

Our position, which has been stated in detail by the Canadian delegation in the Political Committee of this Assembly and elsewhere, is held in the serious belief that it gives not only the best but the only hope of relieving humanity from fear of atomic warfare, and of giving freedom for the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. We shall vote for this resolution not with any sense that we have reached an