reference to resolution 1653 (XVI) which we voted against in 1961.

Incidentally, the representative of the Soviet Union, in our meeting of 30 November, referred to the argument that the Canadian delegation made at the time against holding a conference for the purpose of developing a Convention prohibiting the use of nuclear weapons. To set the record straight I should like to quote from the statement I made in Plenary on the 24 November 1961 as follows:

> "We have reason to be hopeful that an agreement will soon be reached concerning the resumption of general disarmament negotiations in an appropriate negotiating forum. My delegation feels that it is of great importance that this Assembly take no action which might in any way hamper the success of these resumed negotiations..."

In the same statement I said that:

> "In the light of recent developments to which I referred, our doubts about the wisdom of adopting this draft resolution (A/C.1/L292) have been reinforced. For example, it appears to my delegation that the convening of a special conference, envisaged in operative paragraph 2 of this draft resolution would be ill-advised in present circumstances. Action to assemble a world conference to sign a convention of doubtful utility might very well detract from the effort to negotiate binding disarmament agreements which are the only finally effective means of dealing with the threat of nuclear weapons."

We still believe that the argument which we advanced at that time was valid.

In spite of the above considerations Canada, because of her long-standing and continued concern with all questions relating to disarmament, did not feel that she would be justified in rejecting outright the "urgings" of a substantial majority of the members of the United Nations. Therefore we abstained on the draft resolution just voted upon by this Committee.

We had a further reason not to vote against the resolution. This is that in discussions on non-proliferation in the ENDC and in this Committee, many delegations have voiced the view that States which