

international action to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. At that time I outlined some of the elements which seemed to me essential to any international agreement in this field.

On June 17, I explained to the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs that our draft treaty was based on the following six elements. These are:

1) A non-dissemination agreement proper based on the Irish resolution, which constitutes the only norm of non-dissemination that has up to now been generally accepted. The agreement on non-dissemination must be based on that resolution.

2) The extension of the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards to the entirety of the non-military atomic programs of all signatories, nuclear and non-nuclear alike, the International Atomic Energy Agency Statute being the only multilaterally agreed instrument which provides a means of verifying that nuclear materials and equipment are not being diverted to military purposes.

3) A collective security guarantee in accordance with which the nuclear powers would come to the assistance of unaligned and neutral non-nuclear states in the event that they are subject to nuclear attack.

4) A complaint instrument or mechanism which, together with safeguards would provide a means of verifying compliance with the commitments undertaken in the agreement based on the Irish resolution, especially with regard to the ban on relinquishing control of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear states.

5) Provisions for implementation or continuation of the treaty only in the event of a sufficient degree of universality of