

JULY 29, 1949, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION RESOLUTION AEC/42

NO USEFUL PURPOSE..... BY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

(Adopted at 24th Meeting by a vote of 7 in favour (including Canada), 2 against (Ukrainian S.S.R. and Soviet Union), and 2 abstentions (Argentina and Egypt)

The Atomic Energy Commission

Has considered the proposal of the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (AEC/37) that the Atomic Energy Commission begin immediately to prepare a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and a draft convention for the control of atomic energy proceeding from the principle that both conventions must be concluded and put into effect simultaneously;

Has noted the statement of the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the forty-fifth meeting of the Working Committee on Wednesday, 1 June 1949, that the proposals submitted by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on atomic energy in June 1946 and June 1947 should be taken as a basis for the elaboration of these draft conventions;

Recalls that these same proposals, particularly those of 11 June 1947, have already been analysed in detail and rejected in April 1948 on the grounds that "they ignore the existing technical knowledge of the problem of atomic energy control, do not provide an adequate basis for the effective international control of atomic energy and the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons, and, therefore, do not conform to the terms of reference of the Atomic Energy Commission";

Recalls that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposal for the preparation of a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and a draft convention for the control of atomic energy to be concluded and brought into effect simultaneously was rejected by the General Assembly at the 157th plenary meeting in its third session on 4 November 1948, by 40 votes to 6, with 5 abstentions;

And recalls also that at the same time the General Assembly approved the "General Findings" (Part II C) and "Recommendations" (Part III) of the first report and the specific proposals of Part II of the second report of the Commission, as constituting the necessary basis for establishing an effective system of international control of atomic energy to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes and for the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons in accordance with the terms of reference of the Atomic Energy Commission;

The Atomic Energy Commission observes that no material has been presented additional to that previously submitted to the General Assembly, the Commission or the Working Committee;