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## RESUMPTION OF THE EIGHTEEN NATION DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE

The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today issued the following statement from Windsor:

"Tomorrow, July 27, the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee resumes its Session in Geneva after an interval of ten months. Canada warmly welcomes the resumption of the work of this Committee.

In our view, the most important issue which the Committee will have before it is that of nuclear proliferation: the mounting threat caused by the spread of nuclear weapons under the control of individual nations. Because of the importance we attach to this issue, we have prepared a draft treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons which we are confident will enable us to make a constructive contribution to these discussions.

Our draft treaty has been discussed informally with our friends and allies in NATO over the past three months, and with a number of other friendly countries. The discussion of the North Atlantic Council today will provide the first opportunity for formal consideration by governments of proposals in this field including our own.

In my address to the World Veterans' Federation in Geneva on May 3, 1965, I pointed out the urgent need for