

for this Committee and the General Assembly to call on the Powers principally concerned to reinstitute negotiations as soon as possible.

Paragraph 4 deals specifically with the period before negotiations are resumed. It requests the Disarmament Commission to examine and make recommendations on ways and means of facilitating the early resumption of these negotiations. It further requests the Disarmament Commission to examine and make recommendations on the essential principles of general and complete disarmament which should guide the negotiators. I have already drawn attention to the good work which a number of delegations have carried on in an effort to effect agreement on such principles. Quite obviously, this work should be continued. Paragraph 4 makes provision for this.

Paragraph 5, as re-drafted in Document 255 Rev. 1, makes provision for the period after negotiations have been resumed. It contains the important practical suggestion that the Disarmament Commission meet more frequently to consider specific disarmament matters, including reports from the negotiating Powers. Moreover, this paragraph provides for the Disarmament Commission to give guidance to the negotiators. Thus it is envisaged that a stronger and more effective link will exist between the Commission and the negotiating body.

The whole implication of paragraphs 4 and 5 is one of confidence that much meaningful service in the cause of disarmament can be performed by the Disarmament Commission, both before negotiations are resumed and later, while negotiations are actually in progress. The Canadian Delegation and the many others which have co-sponsored Resolution 255 Rev. 1, feel sure that the Committee, on considering this matter, will recognize that in this resolution we are trying to get something done.

The co-sponsors believe this Committee should give to the Disarmament Commission its rightful importance by seizing it of the questions we have been discussing. We feel strongly that once seized of the issues, the Disarmament Commission may in its discretion take action in many useful ways to promote and facilitate the discussion of disarmament either in the resumed session of the General Assembly or in any special negotiating arrangements set up by the Great Powers.