

in the field of disarmament negotiations, and nothing may happen until after the Assembly session, some four or five months from now, or perhaps six months or even more. In the meantime, let us not forget, the arms race goes on faster every day, and the "cold war" gets colder every day, with civilization at stake. We may have the very future of civilization in our hands in this Commission today.

Can this Commission, which is now the instrument of UN responsibility for disarmament, content itself at this time with a mild expression of concern about what I regard as an undue delay in disarmament negotiations? I suggest that it cannot and should not. We owe it to the peoples of the world, who look to the UN with hope for relief from anxiety about the dangers in the current trend of arms development, to express ourselves forthrightly in favour of resumed negotiations in the shortest possible time.

It is for these reasons that the Canadian Delegation has submitted the set of amendments now before the Commission. We believe that they put in proper perspective the serious problem which faces us all.

In effect, the first amendment recognizes that some degree of progress has been made in the Ten-Nation Committee, although not a sufficiently positive result.

The second amendment substitutes for the original operative paragraph a clear reference to the need for negotiation and also places negotiation in its proper priority, which we think is in the first place.

The third amendment, which is mainly a renumbering of the original Operative Paragraph 1 gives the forthcoming discussion in the Assembly its proper place in the order of urgency.

In submitting these amendments, I hope they will be voted on as a whole, because, in my view, they are integrally related, and I earnestly commend them to the Commission.

May I trespass on the time of my fellow representatives to repeat today the suggestion I made two days ago that the responsibility of the non-nuclear nations, including Canada, is to make it perfectly clear to the nuclear powers that the people of the world demand an end to this terrible threat which hangs over them and demand that the disarmament negotiations be resumed forthwith. The non-nuclear powers must take the lead in mobilizing world-wide opinion on this life-and-death issue.