

be jeopardized. The various uranium-producing nations were members of the Agency, but it was not yet known in all cases whether they would sell uranium only with safeguards. India and the countries in the Soviet bloc had opposed the safeguards proposals in their present form. Imposition of conditions on Canadian support of the proposals would reduce the likelihood of success in achieving international agreement.

(c) On the other hand, Canada should not transfer its rights in the matter to the International Agency until satisfied that an international agreement would be achieved and effectively supported. This did not necessarily mean that Canada's support should be contingent upon unanimous support of the proposals by all other producers, but only that Canada should reserve its freedom of action while most other nations did so.

12. *The Cabinet* agreed that the Canadian Delegation to the Fourth General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency be authorized:

(a) to support the safeguard proposals provisionally approved by the Board of Governors with a view to preventing nuclear materials supplied for peaceful purposes from being diverted to military use;

(b) to reaffirm Canada's intention of transferring to the International Atomic Energy Agency (with the consent of Canada's bilateral partners) the administration of the safeguards incorporated in Canada's bilateral agreements as soon as the Agency was in a position to assume this responsibility; and,

(c) to make clear that, if other nations did not support a safeguards policy and its effective administration, Canada would not be bound to such a policy.

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*Le représentant auprès de l'Agence internationale de l'Énergie atomique
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IAEA CONFERENCE SAFEGUARDS

Plenary session today adopted our resolution on roll call vote 43 to 19 with 2 abstentions. Negative votes in addition to India and Soviet bloc were Cuba, Ghana, UAR, Afghanistan, Ceylon, Burma, Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco and Yugoslavia. Ethiopia and Tunisia abstained.