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LAST SPRING. PARTICIPANTS IN THAT MEETING WERE AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, INDIA, PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, THE USSR, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. IT IS PROPOSED THAT WHEN THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE HAS AGREED UPON THE TEXT OF A STATUTE FOR THE AGENCY IT WILL BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS FOR RATIFICATION. THE STATUTE WILL COME INTO EFFECT, AND THE AGENCY INTO EXISTENCE, WHEN A DESIGNATED NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL HAVE RATIFIED.

THE PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, IT WILL BE RECALLED, HAS DEVELOPED FROM THE "ATOMS FOR PEACE" PROPOSAL PUT BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DECEMBER 1953 BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, WHO CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF AN "ATOMIC POOL" TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. CANADA HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST AUTUMN ADOPTED A RESOLUTION FAVOURING THE PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN AGENCY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS.