

arms race, and reduce international tension. These measures are before this committee, and the ENDC, a negotiating body, which, even though it does not include some important nations, is representative of the membership of the UN. Given certain changes in the policies of the great powers in regard to the measures I have mentioned--changes which are by no means impossible--agreement could be reached on these measures. It would be highly encouraging for a world conference if it could open with some further "collateral" agreements having been attained. Therefore, the Canadian delegation holds the view very strongly indeed, that whatever the decision on a world conference, the disarmament negotiations in this forum, and in the ENDC must continue, at the least until the world conference is held.

We have touched on a rather wide range of subjects, as we consider it necessary to do, in opening the discussion on disarmament in this committee. We reserve the right to speak again, as appropriate, when the committee comes to consider more closely the several disarmament items on our agenda.