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The delegation of Italy to the ENDC submitted the draft declaration on 14 September 1965, observing at that time: "the draft declaration which we are submitting to the Committee is not an alternative to the non-dissemination treaty which we have proposed (ENDC/152), nor should it hold up any progress that might be possible towards that end. The declaration is intended to gain time and facilitate progress. The declaration we are proposing is a unilateral one--a unilateral manifestation of goodwill; it does not have the character of a contractual commitment."

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