

Thirdly, it is necessary to recognize that the Soviet Union is at present unwilling to consider the question of nuclear tests except if this question is negotiated in the context of disarmament discussions. If the Soviet Union insists on this position, Canada would see no objection to having the cessation of nuclear tests discussed on the context of disarmament as the question of highest priority. However, my Delegation believes that it is so urgent to reach a binding agreement on the cessation of nuclear weapons testing that its consideration should not be delayed until negotiation begins on other disarmament measures or on the broad question of general and complete disarmament. It could be and should be, we think, the first step in the programme of general and complete disarmament. We believe also that the negotiations on disarmament which were broken off in June 1960 should be resumed at the earliest possible moment, and we shall have more to say on this during the debate on item 3 of our agenda.

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