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Agenda item 30

Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" was included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the basis of General Assembly resolution 2665 (XXV) of 7 December 1970.

2. At its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in the agenda and allocated it to the First Committee for consideration and report.

3. At its 1803rd meeting, on 11 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on all seven agenda items relating to disarmament allocated to it, namely:

   (1) General and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 27);

   (2) Question of chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 28);

   (3) Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (item 29);

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(4) Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control: report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 30);

(5) Status of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2666 (XXV) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the Secretary-General (item 31);

(6) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security: report of the Secretary-General (item 32);

(7) Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace (item 98).

4. The general debate on these seven items took place at the 1827th to 1842nd meetings, from 11 November to 1 December 1971.

5. The First Committee had before it, in connexion with agenda item 30, the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency for the year ending 30 June 1971\(^1\), paragraphs 94 and 95 of which dealt with the question of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes.

6. On 30 November, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Japan and Mexico submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.594) later sponsored also by Denmark, which was introduced by the representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, at the 1848th meeting, on 10 December.

7. At the same meeting, the six-Power draft resolution was adopted by 83 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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Establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control.

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2665 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Having considered the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control,2/

Noting with satisfaction that the International Atomic Energy Agency has demonstrated its efficiency with regard to promoting co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

Noting further that the International Atomic Energy Agency, in accordance with its statute, is an appropriate organ to exercise functions of an international service for the peaceful uses of nuclear explosions, taking into account the relevant provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

1. Commends the International Atomic Energy Agency for its intensive work on problems in connexion with nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes;

2. Requests the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue its activities in this field and to study ways and means of establishing within its framework a service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control;

3. Invites the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency to submit, in his annual report to the General Assembly, information on further developments and on the progress made in this regard.

2/ Ibid., paras. 94 and 95.