Iceland: amendments to document A/C.1/L.255

[Agenda items 67 and 86]

1. In operative paragraph 2, replace the words: “in such a body as may be agreed, giving consideration in this regard to the appointment of one or more impartial officers to facilitate these negotiations;” by the following: “in the Ten-Nation Committee on Disarmament, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission, with the assistance of a Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur to be elected by the Disarmament Commission; these officers shall have no vote in the Ten-Nation Committee on Disarmament, their duties being limited to endeavours to facilitate negotiations and the work of the Committee”.

2. Delete operative paragraph 3.

3. In operative paragraph 4, which becomes operative paragraph 3, replace the words: “Requests the ad hoc committee, with the assistance of experts as appropriate,” by the following: “Requests the officers of the Disarmament Commission”.

4. Operative paragraph 5, which becomes operative paragraph 4, should read as follows: “Further requests the officers of the Disarmament Commission to report to the Commission as a whole not later than 1 April 1961.”

Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco, Nepal, United Arab Republic, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1378 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on general and complete disarmament, adopted unanimously at the fourteenth session, and the resolution adopted unanimously by the Disarmament Commission at its meeting on 18 August 1960 [DC/182/Corr.1],

Recalling further its resolution 1495 (XV) of 17 October 1960, adopted unanimously, which urged immediate and constructive steps in regard to the urgent problems concerning the peace of the world and the advancement of its peoples, and further that all countries refrain from actions likely to aggravate international tensions,

Recognizing that the definitive purpose of general and complete disarmament is that war should no longer be possible or be an instrument for settling international disputes,

Recognizing further that the implementation of any or all phases and steps of disarmament requires the simultaneous establishment and operation of effective machinery for their inspection and control, and that no State should obtain a military advantage over other States at any phase or step of disarmament,

Noting with regret that negotiations have not yielded agreements which would bring general and complete disarmament within measurable distance but stand deadlocked,

Recognizing that delays and deadlocks constitute a serious threat to prospects of real disarmament and of a world without war,

Conscious of the continuing responsibility of the United Nations for bringing about general and complete disarmament,

1. Declares that the following directives should form the basis for an agreement on general and complete disarmament:

   (a) General and complete disarmament should result in a world in which the method of war for the solution of international problems and the continued existence of all the instruments and machinery of war should stand eliminated;

   (b) No phase or step adopted should enable any State or group of States to acquire military superiority over another;

   (c) In respect of each phase and step there shall be established by agreement effective machinery of inspection and control for its operation and maintenance;

   (d) General and complete disarmament should consist of the following:

      (i) The elimination of armed forces and armaments and of armament production;

      (ii) The total prohibition of the manufacture, maintenance and use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons and of bacteriological and chemical weapons of war;

      (iii) The elimination of all existing establishments and training institutions for military purposes;

      (iv) The elimination of all equipment and facilities for the delivery, the placement and the operation of all weapons of mass destruction within national territories and of all foreign military bases and launching sites of all categories;

      (v) The maintenance by each Member State of necessary security units and training establishments, arms and their production as are agreed to be necessary exclusively for the purposes of internal security and of placing at the disposal of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

      (vi) Such agreed changes in the United Nations, for the implementation of this resolution and for the main-