As stated by the French Government in its reply to the questionnaire of the Consultative Group established following the adoption of General Assembly resolution 1516 (XX), it is not possible in France, with its free-enterprise economy, to prescribe by means of legislation or regulations, how the resources released by the implementation of a disarmament programme should be utilized.

There is no doubt, however, that, when the time comes, these new resources will be taken into account in the modernization and equipment plans; and that they will be utilized in accordance with the requirements which then seem paramount, including France's contribution to the assistance needed by the developing countries.

There seems to be no point, however, in drawing up specific projects in this field at the present time, for it is impossible at this stage to say when the resources will be released and what they will amount to: these are questions the answer to which will depend on the provisions of the Disarmament Agreements.