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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

Letter dated 20 September 1950 addressed to the
President of the General Assembly by the
Secretary-General of the delegation of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Flushing Meadow, 20 September 1950

I have the honour to communicate to you herewith for inclusion in the agenda of the Fifth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations the "Declaration on the removal of the threat of a new war and the strengthening of peace and security among the nations" introduced by Mr. A. Y. Vishinsky, Chairman of the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the meeting of the General Assembly held on 20 September.

I shall be very grateful if you will arrange for the attached draft to be distributed as a General Assembly document.

(Signed) B. PODSEROB

Secretary-General of the delegation of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

/DECLARATION

D E C L A R A T I O N
ON THE REMOVAL OF THE THREAT OF A NEW WAR AND THE STRENGTHENING
OF PEACE AND SECURITY AMONG THE NATIONS

The General Assembly,

Considering that the most important task of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security, and to strengthen and develop friendly relations among nations and co-operation between them in solving international problems,

Expressing its firm determination to avert the threat of a new war and sharing the nations' inflexible will to peace as expressed by the hundreds of millions of signatures appended to the Stockholm appeal,

Regarding the use of the atomic weapon and other means of the mass destruction of human beings as a most heinous international crime against humanity, and basing this attitude on the unanimously adopted General Assembly resolution of 1946 on the need for prohibiting the use of atomic energy for military purposes,

Noting that the events at present taking place in Korea and other areas of the Pacific Ocean emphasize with added force the extreme importance and urgency, from the point of view of international peace and security, of unifying for this purpose the efforts of the five Powers which are permanent members of the Security Council and bear special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace,

The General Assembly

Decides to adopt the following Declaration:

First. The General Assembly condemns the propaganda in favour of a new war now being conducted in a number of countries and urges all States to prohibit such propaganda in their countries and call those responsible to account.

Second. The General Assembly, recognizing that the use of the atomic weapon as a weapon of aggression and the mass destruction of human beings is contradictory to international conscience and honour and incompatible with membership of the United Nations, declares that the use of the atomic weapon shall be unconditionally prohibited and that a strict system of international control shall be instituted to ensure the exact and unconditional observance of this prohibition.

The General Assembly also declares that the first Government to use the atomic weapon or any other means for the mass destruction of human beings against any

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country will thereby commit a crime against humanity and be regarded as a war criminal.

Third. The General Assembly, acting in recognition of the need for strengthening peace, and taking into account the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council for ensuring peace, unambiguously expresses the desire:

(a) That the United States of America, the United Kingdom, France, China and the Soviet Union should combine their efforts for peace and conclude among themselves a Pact for the strengthening of peace;

(b) That those great Powers should reduce their present armed forces (land forces, military air forces of all kinds, naval forces) by one third during 1950, and that the question of a further reduction of armed forces should be brought up for consideration at one of the forthcoming sessions of the General Assembly.
