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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN  
ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA  
OF THE THIRD SESSION

Item proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,  
referred to the General Committee by  
the President of the General Assembly

Paris, 25 September 1948

I hereby transmit for inclusion in the agenda of the third regular session of the United Nations General Assembly the text of the proposals made by the Head of the USSR delegation, A. Vyshinsky, at the meeting of the General Assembly on 25 September 1948 with regard to the prohibition of the atomic weapon and the reduction by one-third of the armaments and armed forces of the permanent members of the Security Council: United States of America, United Kingdom, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, France and China.

I shall be most grateful if you will have the attached text circulated to all delegations.

(Signed) V. EROFEEV.

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

To: Dr. H. Evatt,  
President of the third regular session of the  
United Nations General Assembly,  
Palais de Chaillot,  
Paris.

PROHIBITION OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON AND THE REDUCTION BY ONE-THIRD  
OF THE ARMAMENTS AND ARMED FORCES OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
UNITED KINGDOM, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,  
FRANCE AND CHINA

Proposals of the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

NOTING that, up to the present time, practically nothing has been done to implement the General Assembly's decision of 24 January 1946 on atomic energy control, as well as the decision of 14 December 1946 on the "Principles governing the general regulation and reduction of armaments";

RECOGNIZING as a task of the first importance the prohibition of the production and use of atomic energy for war aims;

RECOGNIZING that a general substantial reduction of armaments satisfies the demands for establishing a durable peace and for strengthening international security and is compatible with the interests of the nations in easing the heavy economic burden they face as a result of excessive and ever-increasing expenditures for armaments in various countries;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the Great Powers, permanent members of the Security Council possess the overwhelming number of armed forces and armaments and bear the main responsibility for the maintenance of peace and universal security;

DESIROUS OF strengthening the cause of peace and eliminating the threat of a new war fomented by expansionists and other reactionary elements,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDS to the permanent members of the Security Council: United States of America, United Kingdom, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, France and China -- as a first step in the reduction of armaments and armed forces, the reduction by one-third during one year of all present land, naval and air forces;

RECOMMENDS the prohibition of atomic weapons as weapons intended for aims of aggression and not for those of defence;

RECOMMENDS the establishment within the framework of the Security Council of an international control body for the purpose of the supervision of and control over the implementation of the measures for the reduction of armaments and armed forces and for the prohibition of atomic weapons.