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GENERAL DEBATE AND REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR 1959-60

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THE PARTICIPATION OF THE AGENCY IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO SECURE THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling resolutions 1378 (XIV), on general and complete disarmament, and 1402 (XIV), on the suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 November and 21 November 1959 respectively,

(b) Having regard to the fact that, under Article III.B.1 of the Statute, the Agency shall conduct

"its activities in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations to promote peace and international co-operation, and in conformity with policies of the United Nations furthering the establishment of safeguarded world-wide disarmament and in conformity with any international agreements entered into pursuant to such policies," and

(c) Recognizing that it is one of the Agency's objectives, as set out in the Statute, to seek "to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world",^{1/} and that the attainment of this objective is closely related to the prohibition of nuclear weapons;

1. Calls upon the States who are at present engaged in negotiations in Geneva on the discontinuance of nuclear weapon tests to conclude as soon as possible an agreement on the discontinuance of such tests, as a first step towards the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons and general and complete disarmament; and

^{1/} Article II.

2. Instructs the Director General to examine the prospects for the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes in circumstances where nuclear weapons will have been prohibited, and to present a report on this question to the fifth regular session of the Agency's General Conference.