

## Disarmament

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Deploing the ever-increasing expenditure on defence and the consequent diversion of vital resources so urgently needed to solve the growing problems of world poverty, disease, illiteracy, and the pollution of the environment

Believing that, in view of U Thant's statement " . . . The world now stands at a most critical crossroads. It can pursue the arms race at a terrible price to the security of the world, or it can move ahead towards the ultimate aim of general and complete disarmament . . .', and that this ultimate aim must be emphasised again and again, and be given the greatest publicity.

Calls on all governments to approach the problem of disarmament in a new spirit and work towards general and universal disarmament by taking two specific first steps:

- complete nuclear disarmament
- a complete ban on research, production, and stockpiling chemical and biological weapons.