

regarded as non-nuclear under the definition of this treaty, but which in fact, have the potential to turn nuclear in a very short period of time. In this context, little comfort can be derived from the remarks of Dr. Sigmond Eckund, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and of both the United States Arms and Disarmament Control Agency in "Statements and Documents Related to the Non-Proliferation Treaty", page 29 and the delegation of the U.S.S.R. in document A/C.1/PV 1571, page 19-20, to the effect that the technology for the manufacture of nuclear weapons and of nuclear explosives for peaceful uses are indistinguishable. Hence, potential nuclear states involved in conflicts may find sufficient justification for converting peaceful atomic research into instruments of destruction. If this ever happened, it cannot be imagined that the co-sponsors of this draft treaty and resolution or other nuclear and potential nuclear states would stand idly by. However, their involvement at that stage could hardly be that of arbiters but of participants. Would it, therefore, not be fitting for the major nuclear powers to take urgent diplomatic and political steps to bring about a resolution of the conflict in areas fraught with the immediate danger of hostilities before the treaty is adopted? It is difficult, if not impossible, to accept that the sponsoring powers are unable to exercise such influence in areas of serious conflicts and confrontations to bring about a reduction in present levels of tensions.

My delegation, Mr. Chairman, notes with satisfaction Article III in document A/C.1/L.421/Rev.2/Add.1 of 31st May 1968 - for in that Article "Each non-nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty undertakes to accept safeguards, as set forth in an agreement to be negotiated and concluded with the International Atomic Energy Agency in accordance with the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Agency's safeguards system, for the exclusive purpose of verification of the fulfilment of its obligations assumed under this Treaty with a view to preventing diversion

of nuclear energy . . .