

would not wait for another three or four months before passing the resolution to sign the treaty. This would give the non-nuclear states a chance to conclude their forthcoming conference at Geneva as well as affording others the opportunity to consider carefully all the implications of the treaty. My delegation cannot believe that the great powers such as the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A., having worked so hard for so long to reach this agreement, would allow circumstances to disrupt their resolve and unanimity on such an important issue, an issue which is an essential step towards complete disarmament. The draft treaty and the resolution before the General Assembly lay a foundation for total disarmament and as such deserves to be made as strong and effective as possible.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, my delegation believes that this non-proliferation treaty will not only enhance the security of all nations but will create a climate of confidence which will give an impetus in expanding the peaceful applications of atomic energy, and to negotiation of further arms control measures.