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TO: Permanent Representatives
FROM: The Secretary General

DISARMAMENT

MAIN POINTS OF THE DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS
SUBMITTED BY MR. ZORIN ON 7TH JUNE 1957

The memorandum sent to the Head of the United States Delegation to the United Nations Sub-Committee by Mr. Zorin on 7th June indicates that headway is being made on the following points:

(1) The USSR would agree to the reduction of United States and Soviet forces taking place in three successive stages: 2.5 million, 2.1 million and 1.7 million. These numbers should include civilian personnel employed by the Armed Forces.

(2) The USSR has no objection in principle to the system of lists of armaments being substituted for that of percentage for the reduction of armaments and requests the United States, the United Kingdom and France to submit the first of the draft lists.

(3) The USSR is prepared to agree to the establishment of an international control to ensure adherence to an agreement on the cessation of nuclear tests and to such control including the installation of control posts on USSR, United States and United Kingdom territory and in the area of the Pacific Ocean.

(4) The USSR considers that the air inspection zones should be extended rather than suppressed or reduced.

2. On the other hand, the memorandum sent by Mr. Zorin maintains the Soviet position on the following points:

(1) Reduction in the number of bases on foreign territories.

(2) Reduction of United States, United Kingdom and French armed forces stationed in NATO countries and of Soviet armed forces stationed in the territory of signatory States of the Warsaw Pact.

(3) Reduction by one third of United States, United Kingdom, French and Soviet forces stationed in Germany.

(4) Complete and unconditional prohibition of nuclear weapons and renunciation of the use of such weapons. The result of any formula for conditional renunciation of the use of nuclear weapons would be to legalise the use of such weapons.

(5) Cessation of war-like propaganda.

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3. With regard to nuclear experiments, the USSR considers at the problem of cessation of tests should be dissociated on the other disarmament problems so that it may be resolved thout delay. It proposes a temporary cessation of tests for minimum period of 2 to 3 years, accompanied by the above-ntioned international control.

(Signed) P.-H. SPAAK

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