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which, in his opinion, required careful study. They were: first, "the requirement that the aim must not be sought to be achieved at the cost of any weakening in the relative strength of our defences, and secondly to the necessity for applying a reliable system of international control to any measures that may be contemplated".

We can certainly agree with the latter need; that is, the institution of adequate measures of international control, but, on the other hand, it seems to us that the first-mentioned requirement is not in keeping with the attitude that the United Nations should take in regard to this problem. To worry about or even to think in terms of a weakening in the relative strength of one's defences already presupposes a wide dissemination of nuclear weapons, which is exactly what we must seek to prevent from happening. As the Minister for External Affairs of Ireland pointed out in his statement of 13 November, there exists a "balance of destructive weapons and forces, the precarious balance which has given the world the uneasy peace of the last few years". (A/C.1/PV.1054, p. 11) And until we have reached the stage of general and complete disarmament, the maintenance of this precarious balance through the prevention of the transfer of nuclear weapons to any nation not possessing them, and of their manufacture or acceptance by these nations, obviously cannot at all disturb the relative strength of our defences.

Consequently, we feel that this matter does not have any place in the contemplated study of this problem. In this particular field of disarmament, we are seeking to apply preventive measures, rather than to reduce the present arms arsenals of any nation. The aim is solely one of achieving a greater measure of security for the entire world, not for any one nation, by outlawing the spread of nuclear weapons under a system of international control. It is to the attainment of this goal, and this goal alone, that we should concentrate all our attention and energy.

From what I have said, I need hardly add that the Indonesian delegation will be most happy to vote for the draft resolution tabled by the delegation of Ireland, which, we hope, will produce the desired results of speedily removing this danger to international peace and security.