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SECRETARY-GENERAL NAMES EXPERT GROUP TO AID IN STUDY  
OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF DISARMAMENT

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold today announced that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1516 adopted on 15 December 1960, he had appointed an expert group to assist him in an examination of "the national economic and social consequences of disarmament in countries with different economic systems and at different stages of economic development."

The experts are:

Professor V.Y. Aboltin	USSR	Deputy Director, Institute of World Economics and International Relations, Academy of Sciences
Mamoun Beheiry	Sudan	Governor of the Central Bank of Sudan
Professor Arthur J. Brown	United Kingdom	Head, Department of Economics, University of Leeds
Professor B.N. Ganguli	India	Head, The Delhi School of Economics
Aftab Ahmad Khan	Pakistan	Acting Chief Economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan
Professor Oscar Lange	Poland	Chairman, Economic Council Council of Ministers of Poland
Professor Wassily Leontief	United States	Professor of Economics, Harvard University
Professor Alfred Sauvy	France	Director, National Institute of Demographic Studies, France
Ludek Urban	Czechoslovakia	Institute of Social Sciences of Czechoslovakia
Dr. Adalbert Krieger Vasena	Argentina	Former Finance Minister of Argentina

The first session of the group will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 7 to 18 August 1961. At present it is contemplated that a second session will be held in January 1962, probably at Headquarters in New York.

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The operative section of General Assembly resolution 1516 (XV) follows:

1. Requests the Secretary-General to examine:

(a) The national economic and social consequences of disarmament in countries with different economic systems and at different stages of economic development, including, in particular, the problems of replacing military expenditures with alternative private and public civil expenditures so as to maintain effective demand and to absorb the human and material resources released from military uses;

(b) The possible development of structural imbalances in national economies as a result of the cessation of capital investment in armaments industries, and the adoption of possible corrective measures to prevent such imbalances, including expanded capital assistance to the underdeveloped countries;

(c) The impact of disarmament on international economic relations, including its effect on world trade and especially on the trade of underdeveloped countries;

(d) The utilization of resources released by disarmament, for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular of the underdeveloped countries;

2. Recommends that the Secretary-General should conduct the proposed examination with the assistance of expert consultants to be appointed by him with due regard to their qualifications and to the need of geographical representation and intimate knowledge of countries with different economic systems and at different stages of economic development;

3. Appeals to Governments of States Members of the United Nations to give full cooperation to the Secretary-General in the fulfilment of the task entrusted to him;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary report on the results of the examination to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-third session; (Spring, 1962)

5. Requests the Economic and Social Council to transmit the report with its views to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session. (1962)

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