HCR 14 AND HR 59
URGING REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS

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HCR 14 and HR 59 would urge that the United States and the Soviet Union "immediately begin serious negotiations with the goal of implementing...reductions in the existing stock-piles of nuclear warheads, missiles, and other delivery systems. This statement does not reflect an institutional position of the University concerning the resolutions, and relates solely to their environmental implications.

The risk of a war involves the use of nuclear weapons seems very high at present, and the environmental effects of such a war would be catastrophic. Hence it seems appropriate that the Environmental Center commend the goal expressed in these resolutions although, because the capability to evaluate its environmental implications of nuclear war is not the same as the capability of evaluating policies and practices intended to reduce the risk, it may be inappropriate for the Environmental Center to comment on the particular means for reducing risk urged in the resolutions.