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Chairperson: Mr. Verros..... (Greece)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

Compliance mechanism applicable to the Convention (agenda item 9) (continued)
(CCW/MSP/2007/CRP.3)

1. **The Chairperson** asked the representative of Finland to report on his consultations concerning agenda item 9.
2. **Mr. Kahiluoto** (Finland), speaking as the Friend of the Chairperson, said that the consultations he had conducted on the issue of compliance with the provisions of the Convention had resulted in consensus, as reflected in the working paper of 9 November 2007 circulated in the meeting room (CCW/MSP/2007/CRP.3), which would be reproduced in the final report of the Meeting. He put forward an oral amendment to paragraph 3, second line, of the English version of the text, where the word “compliance” should be deleted.
3. After adding that, during the consultations held, delegations had not reached consensus on whether to include a specific item concerning a review of the lawfulness and compatibility with international humanitarian law of a new weapons system in the agenda on the issue of compliance, he submitted the draft decision, as amended, for consideration.
4. **The Chairperson** asked delegations whether the draft decision on the issue of compliance with the Convention (CCW/MSP/2007/CRP.3), as amended, was acceptable. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Meeting wished to adopt the draft decision.
5. *It was so decided.*

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6. **Mr. Kārklīņš** (Latvia), speaking in his capacity as Chairperson of the Group of Governmental Experts, said that he had held bilateral and multilateral consultations both with delegations which had shown great interest in negotiating a legally binding international instrument on cluster munitions, and with others which, during the general exchange of views, had shown reticence on the matter. Some progress had been made on the proposed purpose of the conference that was to consider the matter and on the scope of a possible decision. However, since he considered it premature to attempt to draft such a decision, he wished to continue his consultations before the start of the afternoon meeting, at which he would report on a solution that was acceptable to all delegations.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.