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ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
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OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS**

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President: Mr. RIVASSEAU (France)

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The meeting was called to order at 5.45 p.m.

PROGRESS OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Work of the Credentials Committee and the subsidiary bodies of the Conference

1. The PRESIDENT invited the chairpersons of the Credentials Committee and the subsidiary bodies of the Conference to report on their work.
2. Mr. MARKOTIĆ (Croatia) said that to date 51 States parties had communicated valid credentials to the Credentials Committee, 10 had communicated provisional credentials by fax and 15 had designated their representatives by means of notes verbales from their Permanent Missions. He urged the 25 States parties which had not yet communicated the original credentials of their representatives to do so as soon as possible, so that they could be included in the list of participants.
3. Mr. PRASAD (India) said that the Drafting Committee had examined two texts - a draft decision on the establishment of a sponsorship programme under the Convention and a draft plan of action to promote the universality of the Convention, which had been prepared on the basis of documents CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.8 and CCW/CONF.III/6 respectively. The two texts had been forwarded to the Bureau of the Conference for further action.
4. Mr. da ROCHA PARANHOS (Brazil) said that Main Committee II had approved and forwarded to the Drafting Committee a number of texts on the issue of explosive remnants of war, but needed to hold further consultations on the proposals that had been made on cluster munitions. Discussions on mines other than anti-personnel mines were continuing, in particular on a proposal for the adoption of a negotiating mandate on the issue.
5. Mr. BORISOVAS (Lithuania) said that Main Committee I had completed its work on items 4 and 5 of its agenda and was making progress on the issues of procedure and follow-up under item 6. Regarding the draft final declaration, the sections on compliance, mines other than anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war had yet to be completed.
6. The PRESIDENT put before the Conference for approval and insertion in the final document two texts which had been forwarded to the Bureau of the Conference by the Drafting Committee.

Draft plan of action to promote the universality of the Convention

7. The PRESIDENT pointed out that most of the parts of the draft plan of action had originally been suggested by the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Peter Kolarov, when he was still representative of Bulgaria, and invited Mr. Kolarov, with the agreement of the Conference, to place on record the agreement reached on the text.

8. Mr. KOLAROV (Secretary-General of the Conference) said he understood that the Conference wished to approve the draft plan of action to promote the universality of the Convention which had been prepared on the basis of document CCW/CONF.III/6, as corrected by the Drafting Committee.

9. It was so decided.

Draft decision on the establishment of a sponsorship programme under the Convention

10. The PRESIDENT said he understood that the Conference wished to approve the draft decision, which had been prepared on the basis of document CCW/CONF.III/7/Add.8, as corrected by the Drafting Committee.

11. It was so decided.

Work of the Conference

12. The PRESIDENT, summing up the situation, said that he intended to put forward a number of changes to the draft decision on compliance (CCW/CONF.III/8), which he hoped would enable agreement to be reached in Main Committee I. Possible further action on the issue of mines other than anti-personnel mines remained to be agreed. On the issue of explosive remnants of war, there seemed to be agreement in principle on maintaining a group of governmental experts whose work would be focused in particular on the issue of cluster munitions, but agreement had yet to be reached on the mandate of the group, its working methods and the duration of its work. Concerning the areas of agreement reached in the various bodies and in the Conference, he pointed out that nothing was finally agreed until everything was agreed.

The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.