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## **Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**

New York, 18–29 June 2018

### **Draft report of the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**

**Submitted by the President of the Conference**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly adopted resolution [72/57](#), in which it decided to convene the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects in New York from 18 to 29 June 2018, preceded by the meeting of the preparatory committee in New York, from 19 to 23 March 2018. The Assembly also underlined the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument for attaining Goal 16 and target 16.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. The Preparatory Committee held its session at United Nations Headquarters from 19 to 23 March 2018, the report of which is contained in document [A/CONF.192/2018/RC/1](#).

#### **II. Organizational matters and proceedings of the Conference**

##### **A. Opening and duration of the Conference**

3. The third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the



Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 18 to 29 June 2018. The Conference was opened on 18 June by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. At that meeting, Jean-Claude Brunet (France) was elected President of the Conference.

4. At the 1st meeting, on 18 June, the Chef de Cabinet of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations delivered a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Daniel Prins of the Office for Disarmament Affairs served as the Secretary-General of the Conference. The Conference held plenary meetings and informal meetings.

5. The list of participants is contained in document [A/CONF.192/2018/RC/INF/3](#).

## **B. Rules of procedure**

6. At its 1st meeting, on 18 June, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure ([A/CONF.192/2018/RC/L.3](#)).

## **C. Agenda**

7. At its 1st meeting, on 18 June, the Conference adopted the agenda ([A/CONF.192/2018/RC/L.1](#)) as follows:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Statement by the President.
4. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
6. Adoption of the agenda.
7. Organization of work.
8. Election of officers other than the President.
9. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
10. General exchange of views.
11. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations.
12. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
13. Adoption of the final documents of the Conference.
14. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

## **D. Officers**

8. The composition of the Bureau of the Conference was as follows:

*President*

Jean-Claude Brunet (France)

*Vice-Presidents*

Austria  
 Croatia  
 Egypt  
 Estonia  
 Greece  
 Iran (Islamic Republic of)  
 Japan  
 Kenya  
 Nepal  
 Russian Federation  
 Sierra Leone

**E. Documentation**

9. The documents of the Conference are available from the website of the Committee: <https://www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/revcon3/>.

**III. Credentials**

10. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.192/2018/RC/L.3), according to which the composition of the Credentials Committee shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, the Conference appointed Cabo Verde, China, Dominica, Indonesia, Ireland, the Russian Federation, Uganda, the United States of America and Uruguay as members of the Credentials Committee of the Conference.

11. At its \_\_\_th meeting, on \_\_\_June, the Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph \_\_\_ of its report (A/CONF.192/2018/RC/\_\_\_), which had examined the credentials of the representatives of the member States of the Conference and found them to be in order.

**IV. General exchange of views**

12. At its 1st to 4th meetings, held on 18 and 19 June, the Conference held its high-level segment and general exchange of views.

13. At its 1st meeting, on 18 June, the Conference heard statements by representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Algeria (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Antigua And Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), Paraguay (on behalf of the Southern Common Market and associated States), the European Union (on behalf of the European Union, and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine), Madagascar, China, Switzerland, Belarus, Israel, Finland, Germany, Canada, Hungary and Cambodia.

14. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of United States, the Philippines, Romania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nepal, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, South Africa, Ukraine, Argentina, the Netherlands, Mexico, Egypt, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Chile and Uruguay.

15. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Ghana, Australia, Slovenia, Estonia, Pakistan, Japan, Guatemala, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, Jamaica, Ireland, Mauritania, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Portugal, Iraq, El Salvador, Kenya, Kuwait, New Zealand, Poland, Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia and Honduras.

16. At its 4th meeting, on 19 June, the Conference concluded its high-level segment and heard statements by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Nigeria, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Viet Nam, Togo, Belgium, Bangladesh, Sweden, Ethiopia, Libya, the Dominican Republic, Liechtenstein, Mali, Lesotho, Armenia, Senegal, Qatar, Haiti, India, Cameroon, Morocco, Zambia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Saudi Arabia, Malawi and Djibouti.

#### **Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations**

17. At its 5th meeting, on 20 June, the Conference heard statements from the following organizations: League of Arab States; International Committee of the Red Cross; Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; East African Community; Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States; European Union; African Union; Economic Community of West African States; United Nations Coordinating Action on Small Arms; Organization of American States; and North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

#### **Statements by non-governmental organizations**

18. At its 5th meeting, on 20 June, the Conference heard statements by representatives of the World Forum on Shooting Activities; the National Firearms Association of Canada; the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA); Amnesty International — Senegal; IANSA Women's Network; IANSA — Middle East and North Africa region; IANSA Survivors Network; and IANSA (Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, United States).

## **V. Consideration and adoption of the final documents of the Conference and the report of the Conference to the General Assembly**

19. The Conference held a number of informal meetings from 20 to \_\_ June 2018, at which it considered and negotiated the draft final document.

20. At its \_\_th meeting, on \_\_ June, the Conference adopted, by consensus, the outcome document, which comprised the 2018 Declaration and recommendations on the Implementation Plan for the Programme of Action; the Implementation Plan for the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2018–2024; promoting adequate, effective and sustainable international cooperation and assistance for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument; and the follow-up to the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

21. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted its report to the General Assembly by consensus.