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Summary record of the 4th meeting

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President: Mr. Bencini(Italy)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.05 p.m.

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1. **The President**, describing his plans for the afternoon proceedings, said that his intention was for the brief formal plenary meeting to be followed by an informal plenary meeting chaired by the Chair of the Drafting Committee. The purpose of the informal plenary meeting would be to enable a general exchange of views, in particular on chapter III of the final document. The informal meeting would also give delegations an opportunity to hear from the facilitators who had been appointed to help translate the views that delegations had expressed during the general debate into specific proposals for the final document. He wondered whether delegations found his planned approach acceptable.

2. **Mr. Vorontsov** (Russian Federation) said that he wished to know whether he had understood correctly that the brief formal plenary meeting of the Conference was to be followed by an informal plenary meeting not of the Drafting Committee but of the Conference and that the purpose of the informal meeting would be to begin consideration of delegations' ideas for the contents of the final document.

3. **The President** said that the representative of the Russian Federation had understood his proposal correctly. His sole concern, as he had suggested at the meeting held earlier in the day, had been to expedite matters. Time was of the essence.

The meeting rose at 3.15 p.m.