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## Main Committee II

### Summary record of the 11th meeting\*

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 18 May 2015, at 5 p.m.

*Chair:* Mr. Istrate . . . . . (Romania)

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*The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.*

**General exchange of views (continued)**

1. **Mr. Gbemudu** (Nigeria) said that nuclear-weapon-free zones played an important role in promoting nuclear non-proliferation, representing a veritable step towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons and ensuring global denuclearization. It was in that vein that the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) had been concluded. Since it was established in 2010 to ensure States parties' compliance with their obligations under that Treaty, the African Commission on Nuclear Energy had continued to play a vital role in pursuing the objective of nuclear disarmament. In addition to promoting the Treaty of Pelindaba, his delegation fully supported the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones across all regions, including the Middle East. To that end, the agreed conference on establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East should be convened without delay.

2. The many benefits of nuclear disarmament were not in doubt. States parties of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the States Members of the United Nations must demonstrate firm sincerity of purpose and commitment to the goal of nuclear disarmament, to the Treaty itself and to fast-tracking the process that would culminate in the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction.

*The meeting was suspended at 5.40 p.m. and resumed at 6.05 p.m.*

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3. **The Chair** submitted his revised draft report ([NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.2/Rev.2](#)) and the draft report of the Chair of Subsidiary Body 2 ([NPT/CONF.2015/SB.2/CRP.1](#)) for consideration by the Committee. Following a lengthy discussion on drafting language, he suggested that his revised draft report and that of the Chair of Subsidiary Body 2 should be forwarded to the Review Conference as working papers, under the responsibility of the Chairs.

4. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the procedural report of the Committee, to be published as document [NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.27](#), with the following amendments: the third and fourth sentences of paragraph 7 should be deleted and replaced with:

“At the eleventh meeting of Main Committee II, on 18 May, the Committee was not able to reach consensus on the content of the Main Committee II Chair's revised draft report and the Subsidiary Body 2 Chair's draft report and, therefore, the Committee did not reach consensus to attach those documents to the final report of Main Committee II. Subsequently, the Chair announced that the work of Main Committee II had been concluded, without prejudice to any decision to be taken otherwise by the plenary.”

5. *It was so decided.*

*The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.*