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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Adoption of the final report and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee to the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on its second session (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/CRP.3)

1. **The Chair** drew attention to the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session, which was contained in [NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/12](#), and suggested that the Preparatory Committee should adopt it paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 4

2. *Paragraphs 1 to 4 were adopted.*

Paragraph 5

3. **The Chair** said that the following sentence would be added at the end of paragraph 5: “On 29 April 2013, Egypt announced that it would not participate in the rest of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.”

4. *Paragraph 5, as orally amended, was adopted.*

Paragraph 6

5. **The Chair** said that after the conclusion of the session, the Secretariat would provide information for paragraph 6 on the number of meetings held by the Committee and the meetings for which there would be summary records.

6. *Paragraph 6 was adopted.*

Paragraphs 7 to 9

7. *Paragraphs 7 to 9 were adopted.*

Paragraph 10

8. **Mr. Román-Morey** (Peru) suggested that the name of his country, Peru, should be included in parentheses after his name, to be consistent with the rest of the document.

9. *Paragraph 10, as orally amended, was adopted.*

Paragraphs 11 and 12

10. *Paragraphs 11 and 12 were adopted.*

Paragraph 13

11. **The Chair** said that after the conclusion of the session, the Secretariat would provide information for inclusion in paragraph 13 on the number of meetings devoted to substantive discussion under agenda item 6.

12. *Paragraph 13 was adopted.*

Paragraphs 14 to 18

13. *Paragraphs 14 to 18 were adopted.*

Paragraph 19

14. **The Chair** said that after the conclusion of the session, paragraph 19, which contained the list of all documents submitted during the second session, would be updated to include all documents submitted before the conclusion of the session.

15. *Paragraph 19 was adopted.*

Paragraph 20

16. **The Chair** said that paragraph 20 contained a list of the delegations to the second session of the Preparatory Committee. Any late corrections would be reflected in an addendum and added to the list.

17. *Paragraph 20 was adopted.*

18. *The report of the Preparatory Committee as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

19. **The Chair** said that he had sought to address issues in a non-confrontational way and provide a way forward, based on the principles of openness, inclusiveness, transparency and objectivity. The Chair’s factual summary accurately reflected the discussions that had taken place. The main concern was to make sure that the non-proliferation regime was not undermined and that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons should remain the cornerstone of international security and stability.

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20. **Mr. Solanieh** (Islamic Republic of Iran), speaking on behalf of the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement that were States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, said that while the Chair’s factual summary was his full responsibility, it should reflect the views that had been expressed by delegations in a balanced and accurate manner. However, on some issues, it reflected a consensus that

did not, in fact, exist. The Non-Aligned Movement had expressed views that had not been duly and factually reflected in the summary. It was the view of the Non-Aligned Movement that the Chair's factual summary had no status and should not be acknowledged in or attached to the report of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

21. **The Chair** said that it had not been his intention to attach the summary to the report, which had just been adopted without the summary attached. It was identified as a working paper in both the report and the records of the session.

22. **Ms. Chin** (Singapore) sought confirmation that the Chair's factual summary would have the status of a working paper.

23. **The Chair** said that the summary was indeed a working paper.

24. **Mr. Grinevich** (Belarus) said that, regrettably, his delegation's draft proposal had not been included in the Chair's factual summary. The draft proposal read as follows: "It was stressed that it was important for nuclear-weapon States to respect their existing obligations to non-nuclear-weapon States, given in return for their voluntary denunciation of the nuclear weapons option and for joining the Non-Proliferation Treaty."

25. **Mr. Tun** (Myanmar), speaking on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), said that the States parties to the Treaty on the Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone hoped that the protocol thereto and other related documents would be signed, without reservations, as soon as possible.

26. **Mr. Minty** (South Africa), speaking on behalf of a group of States parties concerned about the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons, said that there was a growing realization that humanitarian concerns should be at the core of all reflections, decisions and actions during the current review cycle and beyond. It was therefore encouraging that the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons had been firmly established on the international agenda. As all States parties had agreed on the need to ensure that such weapons were never used again, they must do their utmost to achieve nuclear disarmament, including through meeting the objectives of the Treaty. Full implementation of the 2010 action plan and previous outcomes must not be postponed any further.

27. **Ms. Issa** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that the Chair's factual summary lacked objectivity and was not an official document.

28. **Mr. Simon-Michel** (France) said that, by definition, the Chair's factual summary could not go into the details of the various positions expressed by States parties. It was nonetheless a comprehensive and objective reflection of the discussions.

29. **Ms. Jáquez Huacuja** (Mexico) requested further clarification regarding the status of the Chair's factual summary. It was her delegation's understanding that the summary was the responsibility of the Chair. However, that had been cast into doubt by the inclusion of the Chair's factual summary among the documents listed in paragraph 19 of the report which were before the Committee during the session.

30. **Mr. Wu** (China) noted that the Chair had submitted his factual summary in his personal capacity and that it had not been adopted by consensus.

31. **Mr. Solanieh** (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that it was indeed a mistake to rely on the Chair's factual summary for details of the positions of various States parties. The practice of producing a Chair's factual summary only created a working environment that was not conducive to favourable outcomes and should be discontinued.

32. **Mr. Minty** (South Africa) said that if, as had been stated, the Chair's factual summary was a working paper, the Chair should indicate whether it would be issued with a working paper reference number. It was the lack of such a number that was causing confusion for some delegations. At the previous meeting, the analogous document had had such a number.

33. **The Chair** said that the report did not contain a paragraph saying that the States parties took note of the Chair's factual summary, which had the same status as any other working paper. It was merely a document of the conference. There had been similar cases at past sessions.

34. *After an exchange of courtesies, in which representatives of Switzerland, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Lebanon, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Peru and Iran (the Islamic Republic of) took part, the Chair declared the second session of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee closed.*

The meeting rose at 1.20 p.m.