

Preparatory Committee for the Second
Review Conference of the Parties to
the Treaty on the Prohibition of the
Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and
Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on
the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor
and in the Subsoil Thereof

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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Thursday, 5 May 1983, at 10.30 a.m.

<u>Acting Chairman:</u>	Mr. THIELICKE	(German Democratic Republic)
<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. HUSLID	(Norway)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.05 a.m.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (continued)

(a) Composition of the Bureau (continued)

1. The ACTING CHAIRMAN said that, at its last meeting, the Bureau had decided to recommend that Ambassador Huslid of Norway should be appointed Chairman of the Preparatory Committee. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee adopted that recommendation.

2. It was so decided.

3. Mr. Huslid (Norway) took the Chair.

(b) Participation of non-members (continued)

4. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that a written communication had been received from Lebanon, which was a signatory of the Treaty, concerning its participation in the work of the Committee. He suggested that, as had been done with respect to the requests submitted by Greece, Madagascar and Senegal, the Committee should take note of Lebanon's communication and invite it to participate in its discussions, without the right to take part in the making of decisions.

5. It was so decided.

ORGANIZATION OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE (continued) (SBT/CONF.II/PC/1)

6. The CHAIRMAN said that, as soon as the actual cost of the current session of the Preparatory Committee was known, the Secretariat would circulate a revised estimate of the cost of the Second Review Conference.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT TO THE REVIEW CONFERENCE (SBT/CONF.II/PC/CRP.1)

7. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the Committee's draft report (SBT/CONF.II/PC/CRP.1) and invited members to consider it paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1

8. Paragraph 1 was adopted.

Paragraph 2

9. Mr. MILTON (United States of America) proposed that the word "all" should be inserted before the words "the relevant" in the fourteenth line of the paragraph.

10. It was so decided.

11. Paragraph 2, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 3

12. The CHAIRMAN said the word "and" in the last line should be replaced by a comma, and the words "and Zambia" should be added at the end of the paragraph.

13. Paragraph 3, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 4

14. The CHAIRMAN said that paragraph 4 had been revised to read:

"4. At its 2nd meeting on 2 May 1983, the Committee decided that its Bureau would be composed of Dr. Hubert Thielike, German Democratic Republic, Ambassador Martin Huslid, Norway, and Mr. Miodrag Mihajlović, Yugoslavia, and that, pending the election of the Chairman, each member of the Bureau would chair a meeting of the Preparatory Committee in turn. At its 6th meeting on 5 May 1983, the Preparatory Committee elected Ambassador Martin Huslid of Norway as its Chairman. The Committee authorized the Bureau to handle technical and other matters in the period before the Review Conference is convened."

15. Mr. MELESCANU (Romania) said that the description of the mandate given to the Bureau as reflected in the last sentence of the paragraph was too broad. He proposed, therefore, that the words "and other" should be deleted.

16. The CHAIRMAN said that the wording used in paragraph 4 in that respect was identical to the wording adopted in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the First Review Conference.

17. Mr. MELESCANU (Romania) said that, in view of that explanation, he would withdraw his proposal.

18. Paragraph 4, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 5

19. Paragraph 5 was adopted.

Paragraph 6

20. The CHAIRMAN said that paragraph 6 should read:

"6. The Committee, taking note of their written requests, decided to invite the representatives of four signatories of the Treaty, Greece, Lebanon, Madagascar and Senegal, to participate in its discussions without the right to take part in the making of decisions."

21. Paragraph 6, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 7

22. Mr. LANG (Austria) noted that, unlike the corresponding paragraph of the report for the First Review Conference, paragraph 7 contained no reference to the official languages used by the Preparatory Committee.

23. The CHAIRMAN said that, since the question of official languages was dealt with in rule 37 of the draft rules of procedure (SBT/CONF/2), it had not been felt necessary to include an express reference to them in the report.

24. Paragraph 7 was adopted.

Paragraph 8

25. Mr. MELESCANU (Romania) proposed that, in view of the importance of the Committee's discussion of the financing arrangements for the Review Conference, the following two sentences should be added at the end of the paragraph:

"Various delegations made comments and raised questions concerning the estimates presented. The Committee requested the Secretariat to circulate, before the opening of the Review Conference, a revised estimate of the cost of the Conference reflecting the actual cost of the session of the Preparatory Committee."

26. It was so decided.

27. Paragraph 8, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 9-17

28. Paragraphs 9-17 were adopted.

Paragraph 18

29. Mr. MILTON (United States of America) proposed that the words "a compilation of" should be inserted before "official communications" in the fifth line of the paragraph and that the words "a compilation of papers on" should be inserted before the words "technological developments" in the seventh line of the paragraph.

30. It was so decided.

31. Mr. SARAN (India) proposed that the word "concerning", in the fifth line of the paragraph, should be replaced by "containing".

32. It was so decided.

33. Paragraph 18, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 19

34. Paragraph 19 was adopted.

Paragraph 20

35. Mr. MIDDLETON (United Kingdom) said that the use of the word "matter" implied that the Preparatory Committee's exchange of views had concerned substantive issues, which had not been the case.

36. Mr. MELESCANU (Romania) proposed that the word "matter" should be replaced by "question", thus bringing it into line with the French text, which raised no difficulties.

37. It was so decided.

38. Paragraph 20, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 21

39. The CHAIRMAN said that the following text should be inserted as a new paragraph 21 under section III and existing paragraphs 21 and 22 should be renumbered paragraphs 22 and 23, respectively:

"21. Recalling the request in the Final Document, part II, of the First Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof with respect to Articles V and VII of the Treaty, the Preparatory Committee invites the Committee on Disarmament to undertake appropriate follow-up measures. In this connection, the Preparatory Committee requests the Committee on Disarmament to enable States Parties not members of the Committee on Disarmament to participate in this follow-up in accordance with its rules of procedure."

40. Paragraph 21 was adopted.

Paragraph 22

41. Paragraph 22 was adopted.

Paragraph 23

42. The CHAIRMAN said that the date of the last meeting of the Preparatory Committee should be recorded as 5 May 1983.

43. Paragraph 23 was adopted.

44. Mr. LANG (Austria) noted that the final report of the preparatory Committee for the First Review Conference contained a paragraph concerning the financing arrangements for the Conference, whereas the draft report currently under consideration contained no corresponding paragraph.

45. The CHAIRMAN said that it had not been felt necessary to include such a paragraph in the draft report, since the question of financing arrangements was dealt with fully in rule 12 of the rules of procedure.

46. The draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Review Conference, as amended, was adopted.

47. Mr. MIDDLETON (United Kingdom) asked the members of the Bureau, in deciding on the administrative arrangements to be made for the Review Conference, to bear in mind the views expressed in the Committee concerning the need for economy.

48. Mr. MILTON (United States of America) suggested that, also in the interest of economy, any State Party wishing to make a substantive proposal should communicate it to the Secretariat in good time for the Review Conference.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

49. The CHAIRMAN declared the session of the preparatory Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.