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EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF  
MASS DESTRUCTION ON THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR  
AND IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 2nd MEETING (CLOSED)

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on Monday, 24 April 1989, at 3 p.m.

Temporary Chairman: Mr. PRANDLER

Chairman: Mr. FAGUNDES (Brazil)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.50 p.m.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER OFFICERS (item 2 of the provisional agenda)

1. Mr. GARCIA ROBLES (Mexico) nominated Mr. Fagundes (Brazil) for the office of Chairman.
2. Mr. Fagundes (Brazil) was elected Chairman by acclamation.
3. Mr. Fagundes (Brazil) took the Chair.
4. The CHAIRMAN announced that Mr. Kostov (Bulgaria) and Mr. Aalbu (Norway) had been nominated for the office of Vice-Chairmen by the Group of Socialist countries and the Group of Western countries, respectively.
5. Mr. Kostov (Bulgaria) and Mr. Aalbu (Norway) were elected Vice-Chairmen by acclamation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (item 3 of the provisional agenda) (SBT/CONF.III/PC/1)

6. The agenda was adopted.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (agenda item 4):

(1) PROGRAMME OF WORK

7. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should endeavour to complete its work on Friday, 28 April 1989, in the morning.
8. It was so decided.

(2) METHODS OF DECISION-MAKING

9. The CHAIRMAN, recalling that the Preparatory Committee for the Second Review Conference had decided to take its decisions by consensus (SBT/CONF.II/PC/DEC.2, paragraph 1 (c)), said that, in the absence of any objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the same procedure.

10. It was so decided.

(3) PARTICIPATION OF NON-STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY

11. The CHAIRMAN said that Sudan, a signatory to the Treaty, had submitted a written request to participate in the Committee's work. The Preparatory Committee for the Second Review Conference had decided to invite signatories to the Treaty to participate in its discussions without the right to take part in the making of decisions (SBT/CONF.II/PC/DEC.2, para. 1 (b)). If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the same practice and to invite Sudan to participate in its discussions without the right to take part in the making of decisions.

12. It was so decided.

13. The CHAIRMAN further announced that written requests for participation had been received from five non-signatory States, namely, Egypt, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Venezuela. As no precedent in the matter had been established at the earlier Review Conferences, further consultations might be necessary before any decision was made.

14. Mr. KENYON (United Kingdom) said the fact that States which were neither parties nor signatories to the Treaty should wish to ask for some kind of observer status was an interesting development. As the work of the Preparatory Committee was unlikely to have any bearing on substance, he wondered whether, in making their request, the States concerned had indicated any reason for their interest. In his view, the status of non-signatory States at the Preparatory Committee should not go beyond that granted to observers in respect of the Review Conference itself under rule 43.2 of the rules of procedure (SBT/CONF.II/6); in other words, they should be entitled to attend meetings and to receive and submit documents, but not, like signatory States, to participate in the discussion.

15. Mr. LIN (Secretary of the Committee) said that the letters received from the five non-signatory States in question did not indicate any reasons.

16. Mr. CULAFIC (Yugoslavia), Mr. HILALE (Morocco) and Mr. KOSTOV (Bulgaria) welcomed the interest shown in the Committee's work by the five non-signatory States concerned and proposed that they should be granted observer status in conformity with rule 43.2 of the rules of procedure.

17. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.