

**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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Decision taken by the 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 regarding its programme of work
on the recommendation of the General Committee

1. At its second plenary meeting on 21 June 1977, the 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 approved guidelines for the conduct of its work, bearing in mind that it should be completed by 1 July. Accordingly, the Conference decided the following:

- (a) The General Debate should be concluded by the afternoon of Thursday, 23 June, thus allowing three full days for a general discussion.
- (b) On Friday, 24 June, the Plenary would begin consideration of the respective provisions of the Treaty, article by article, followed by the consideration of the preamble.
- (c) The Drafting Committee will hold an organizational meeting on Friday, 24 June, and begin its substantive work on Monday, 27 June. If necessary, the Drafting Committee would meet concurrently with the Plenary (without interpretation).
- (d) A draft of a Final Document (or documents) would be submitted by the Drafting Committee to the Plenary by Wednesday, 29 June.
- (e) On Thursday, 30 June, the Plenary would examine this draft document(s).
- (f) The last day of the Conference, namely, Friday, 1 July, will be devoted to the adoption of the final document or documents and to the conclusion of the Conference.

The Conference also felt that delegations which might wish to formulate ideas and proposals for their inclusion in the final document (or documents) should do so as early as possible, taking into account the need for their speedy examination by the plenary and early referral to the Drafting Committee.