

UNITED NATIONS

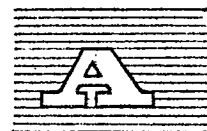
GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY



Distr.  
GENERAL

A/CONF.95/CW/SR.10  
17 September 1980

Original: ENGLISH



---

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE OF  
CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY  
INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

Second session

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 10th MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on Tuesday, 16 September 1980, at 10.30 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. VOUTOV (Bulgaria)

CONTENTS

Statement by the Chairman

Organization of work

---

This record is subject to correction.

Corrections should be submitted in one of the working languages. They should be set forth in a memorandum and also incorporated in a copy of the record. They should be sent within one week of the date of this document to the Chief, Official Records Editing Section, room E.6108, Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Any corrections to the records of the meetings of the Committee will be consolidated in a single corrigendum to be issued shortly after the end of the Conference.

GE.80-66434

The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. The CHAIRMAN, welcoming participants, said that while there was a great deal of work to be done, he was fully convinced that through joint efforts, co-operation and mutual willingness to accommodate one another, the Committee would achieve the results expected of it.

2. The question of prohibitions or restrictions of use of certain conventional weapons which might be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects occupied an important place in the efforts being made by countries to achieve progress towards disarmament. As indicated by the Secretary-General in his message to the first session, the Conference constituted a significant attempt to achieve agreement on some practical measures for disarmament. In spite of the complexity of the issues involved, the results of the Preparatory Conference and the first session of the Conference indicated that through good will many of the difficulties could be overcome.

3. The Committee had succeeded in reaching unanimity on such an important question as the prohibition of the use of fragmentation weapons. Virtual agreement had been reached on the Draft Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices. Furthermore, progress had been made in clarifying the position of various countries on incendiary weapons. It was clear that the Committee had played and would continue to play a substantial role in the work of the Conference. In his opinion, the Committee should assist the Conference to an even greater extent in resolving pending problems. He stressed that issues on which agreement had already been achieved should not be re-opened so that all efforts could be concentrated on outstanding questions. He assured members that he would do his utmost to help the Committee to attain the objectives of the Conference.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

4. The CHAIRMAN said that he had called the meeting to arrange the schedule of meetings of the Committee's two working groups. The Conference had agreed on the previous day that the Working Group on Landmines and Booby-Traps should submit its final report on Friday, 19 September, and that the Working Group on Incendiary Weapons should submit a progress report on Friday, 19 September, and its final report on Friday, 26 September. On the basis of consultations with the Chairmen of the respective working groups, he suggested that the Working Group on Incendiary Weapons should meet immediately following the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss organizational questions. Immediately following the meeting of that Group, the Working Group on Landmines and Booby-Traps should meet for the same purpose. Members would thus be able to hold consultations in the afternoon with a view to facilitating the work of the Conference. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Committee decided to adopt his suggestion.

5. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.