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FINAL RECORD OF THE FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH PLENARY MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on Thursday, 24 January 1991, at 10 a.m.

President:

Mr. W. Rasaputram

(Sri Lanka)

The PRESIDENT: I declare open the 578th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament.

I have no speakers listed as wishing to take the floor today. Before we proceed with some organizational matters, I should like to ask whether any member wishes to address the Conference at this plenary meeting.

Since there is none, I should now like to turn to our business for today. My consultations on the agenda and programme of work for the 1991 session are concluded. I should therefore like to convene an informal meeting of the Conference to report to you on the results of the consultations, as well as on the question of the re-establishment of some subsidiary bodies and other matters. If there is no objection, I shall now suspend the plenary meeting, and we shall resume our work at an informal meeting in five minutes' time.

The meeting was suspended at 10.15 a.m. and resumed at 10.25 a.m.

The PRESIDENT: The 578th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament is resumed.

We shall now proceed to formalize the agreements reached at the informal meeting held today.

I put before the Conference for adoption document CD/WP.397, containing a proposed agenda and programme of work for the 1991 session of the Conference. If there is no objection, I shall take it that the Conference adopts these proposals.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I now turn to document CD/WP.398, containing a draft decision on the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-nuclear-weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons. If there is no objection, I shall consider that the Conference adopts the draft decision.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We shall now take up document CD/WP.399, containing a draft decision on the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Radiological Weapons. May I take it that the Conference adopts the draft decision? I see no objection.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: In connection with the re-establishment of this Ad Hoc Committee, I now invite the Conference to appoint Mr. Angus Robertson of Canada as its Chairman.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I should like to convey to Mr. Robertson the congratulations of the Conference on his appointment as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, and wish him success in discharging his responsibilities.

(The President)

In connection with agenda item 7, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons", as indicated at the informal meeting, I wish to suggest that we keep in mind that, whenever it is appropriate for the Conference to deal with this agenda item and in the light of its existing priorities, it should keep under review, with expert assistance, as appropriate, the prohibition of the development and manufacture of those weapons and systems with a view to making, when necessary, recommendations on undertaking specific negotiations on the identified types of such weapons.

I have no other business for consideration at this plenary meeting, and I intend therefore to adjourn it. The next plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament will be held on Tuesday, 29 January, at 10 a.m.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.