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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 10 March 1987, at 10 a.m.

President: Mr. Lechuga Revia (Cuba)

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): I declare open the 395th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament.

First of all, I should like to extend, on behalf of the Conference, a warm welcome to the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, who is present here today at this plenary meeting. I also wish to convey to him the best wishes of all members of the Conference for success in the performance of his duties. In his message to us immediately after he assumed his important duties as Under-Secretary-General in the Department of Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Akashi recalled the great importance which the Secretary-General attaches to the significant role played by the Conference on Disarmament, and expressed his personal concern that the Conference's needs should be entirely satisfied by the Department of Disarmament Affairs. I am sure that all members will appreciate Mr. Akashi's comments, which reflect his commitment to the important duties he is now discharging.

In accordance with its programme of work, the Conference today continues the consideration of agenda item 5, Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space. In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, however, any member wishing to do so may raise any other matter related to the work of the Conference.

I note the presence in the public gallery today of the participants in the Conference of Women with the United Nations for Disarmament, Understanding, Co-operation and Action, currently being held in the Palais des Nations. This Conference coincides, significantly, with International Women's Day and so I should like to convey our congratulations to all the women who, from different positions, participate in the efforts aimed at disarmament and arms limitation. I therefore welcome today the women in the public gallery of the Conference on Disarmament. Furthermore, today is an exceptional day: I must announce that we have no speakers. I think this is the first time in two years that there have been no speakers in this Conference. However, in accordance with the practice of the Conference I would like to ask if any delegation wishes to take the floor. I see none, and therefore we shall adjourn the meeting. The next plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament will be held on Thursday, 12 March, at 10 a.m. The meeting is adjourned.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.