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Report of the Drafting Committee

1. I am pleased on behalf of the Drafting Committee to report to you, Mr. President that the Committee is able to present the agreed results of its work to this Plenary for further action.

2. In doing so there are two comments I should make in my capacity as Chairman:

a) Article 10(3):

Several delegations considered that the drafting of this paragraph should be clarified without altering its substance; a small group of delegations consulted on this matter but it was concluded that such a redrafting without altering substance was unfortunately not possible, certainly in the time available; thus, while several delegations continue to have reservations on the drafting of this paragraph, it was finally agreed to include the paragraph as is.

b) Article 8:

During the Drafting Committee's work on this Article the Delegation of Pakistan pointed out that it had difficulties with this provision. My understanding is that these difficulties have now been resolved.

3. As a further point, Mr. President, I wish to point out that during our review of the results of the Drafting Committee's work it had been noted that several textual corrections were not made; translation questions are also being addressed; the Legal Adviser and the Secretariat are ensuring that all these final corrections - which are not substantive - will be made. May I also add, Mr. President, that I understand the language versions will be available in the near future. The Secretary-General of the Conference may have additional information in this regard.

4. In addition, Mr. President, the title formulation for the amended Protocol approved by the Drafting Committee on 1 May was subsequently amended on 2 May during consideration of our Final Report in the informal plenary under your Presidency. The Secretariat will be circulating an amended version of page 1 of document CCW/CONF.1/14.

5. In conclusion, Mr. President, I wish to thank all delegations for their positive spirit of cooperation during the Drafting Committee's work.