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FINAL RECORD OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH PLENARY MEETING

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 24 March 1987, at 10 a.m.

President:

Mr. Lechuga Hevia

(Cuba)

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): I declare open the 399th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament.

In accordance with its programme of work, the Conference today begins the consideration of agenda item 4, "chemical weapons". Any member wishing to do so, however, may raise any other matter related to the work of the Conference, in conformity with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.

The secretariat has circulated today, in all working languages, document CD/745 containing the progress report to the Conference on Disarmament on the twenty-third session of the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group, Dr. Ola Dahlman of Sweden, will introduce the report to the Conference at its plenary meeting scheduled for Thursday, 2 April next.

The Conference has before it a request for participation by a non-member State in the work of the Ad Hoc Committees set up under agenda items 6, 7 and 8. Before adjourning the plenary meeting, I suggest we hold a short informal meeting to consider that request and subsequently formalize our decision in the resumed plenary. As once again we have no speakers on the list for this meeting, in accordance with Conference practice I wish to ask if any delegation wishes to take the floor. I see none. We shall therefore suspend the plenary meeting for a few minutes and convene an informal meeting to consider the request for participation by a non-member State in the work of the Ad Hoc Committees set up under agenda items 6, 7 and 8. The plenary meeting is suspended.

The meeting was suspended from 10.10 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): The 399th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament is resumed.

In accordance with the results of our informal meeting, I now submit for consideration by the Conference the request from New Zealand for participation in the work of the Ad Hoc Committees set up under agenda items 6, 7 and 8. The secretariat has circulated the relevant draft decision, which is contained in Working Paper CD/WP.280. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Conference adopts the draft decision.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): We have no further business for today. If no other delegation wishes to take the floor, I shall adjourn the plenary meeting. Before doing so, however, I should like to take this opportunity to learn your views on whether, instead of the open consultations scheduled for this afternoon on the questions of the improved functioning of the Conference, we could use the time and the services of the interpreters and secretariat to hold those open consultations now, following this plenary meeting. I have consulted some delegations, but I have not had the time to consult you all. If there is no objection, we could bring forward the consultations scheduled for this afternoon to immediately after this plenary meeting. The next plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament will be held on Thursday, 26 March, at 10 a.m. The meeting is adjourned.

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.