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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on Monday, 7 June 2010, at 5.55 p.m.

President: Mr. Alex Van Meeuwen (Belgium)

The President (*spoke in French*): I declare open the 1183rd plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament.

I understand that you wish to meet with me again this evening. I am glad to be with you now that my good friend Hisham is chairing another meeting elsewhere in the building.

(*spoke in English*)

The President (*spoke in English*): As you will recall, at the plenary meeting this morning, the representative of Egypt, speaking on behalf of the G-21, requested that I turn my letter of 4 June into a working paper. I expressed my intention to accede to this request. The requested working paper has now been distributed to all members of the Conference and is contained in document CD/WP.560.

As you can see, the schedule contained in the working paper is slightly different from the one contained in my letter dated 4 June, and the current schedule that you find in front of you has been prepared in such a way as to ensure that four meetings will be held on every agenda item. I also note that the schedule is limited to the second part of the 2010 session, without prejudice to the possibility that the Conference may agree on a programme of work.

I also wish to report that the presidency has had further consultations with the regional groups and China. Following these consultations, the three regional groups held consultations to consider working paper CD/WP.560 and discussed the issue of nominating coordinators for the informal discussions on each agenda item.

It is my understanding that there is agreement on this document. And, if this is the case, I will then propose that we start the first informal meeting on items 1 and 2 tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. in this Council chamber.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6 p.m.