

# Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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*Chair:* Mr. Woolcott. . . . . (Australia)

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.*

**Adoption of the final report and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee to the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on its first session (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/CRP.2)**

1. **The Chair** drew attention to the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its first session, which was contained in NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/CRP.2, and suggested that the Preparatory Committee should adopt it paragraph by paragraph.

*Paragraphs 1 to 3*

2. *Paragraphs 1 to 3 were adopted.*

*Paragraph 4*

3. **The Chair** said that paragraph 4 should be amended to reflect that 111 States parties had participated in the work of the first session of the Preparatory Committee. Kuwait should be included in the list.

4. *Paragraph 4, as amended, was adopted.*

*Paragraph 5*

5. **The Chair** said that after the conclusion of the session, the Secretariat would provide information for paragraph 5 on the number of meetings held by the Committee and the meetings for which there would be summary records.

6. *Paragraph 5 was adopted.*

*Paragraphs 6 to 13*

7. *Paragraphs 6 to 13 were adopted.*

*Paragraph 14*

8. **The Chair** said that paragraph 14 indicated the number of meetings devoted to substantive discussion under agenda item 6. The blank in that paragraph would be filled in by the Secretariat after the conclusion of the session.

9. *Paragraph 14 was adopted.*

*Paragraphs 15 to 18*

10. *Paragraphs 15 to 18 were adopted.*

*Paragraph 19*

11. **The Chair** said that paragraph 19 would be removed and the remaining paragraphs renumbered.

*Paragraph 20 (renumbered to 19)*

12. **The Chair** drew the attention of the Committee to the draft decisions contained in NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/CRP.1. He took it that the Preparatory Committee wished to request the Secretariat to provide at the second session an estimate of the costs of the 2015 Review Conference, including costs for the Preparatory Committee.

13. *It was so decided.*

14. **The Chair** said that he also took it that the Committee wished to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the members of the Preparatory Committee, to nominate an official to act as the provisional Secretary-General of the 2015 Review Conference. The nomination would be confirmed by the Conference itself.

15. *It was so decided.*

16. **The Chair** said that former paragraph 20, renumbered as 19, would reflect that those decisions had been taken at the present meeting.

17. *Paragraph 19, as amended, was adopted.*

*Paragraph 20 (formerly paragraph 21)*

18. **The Chair** said that the list of documents submitted during the first session of the Preparatory Committee, which was contained in paragraph 20, would be updated to include all documents submitted before the conclusion of the first session.

19. *Paragraph 20 was adopted.*

*Paragraph 21*

20. *Paragraph 21 was adopted.*

21. *The report of the Preparatory Committee as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

22. **The Chair** recalled that his three goals for the meeting had been speedy resolution of procedural issues, constructive and focused debate on the action plan contained in the Final Document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

(NPT/CONF.2010/50 (vol. I) and a fair and balanced Chair's factual summary. The first two goals had been met. Views of States parties on realization of the third objective might vary.

23. With the new review cycle for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons beginning, it was time to ask if the work was going in the right direction. It was too soon, however, for collective judgments regarding implementation of the 2010 action plan.

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24. **Mr. Laggner** (Switzerland) said that the first session of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee had provided the opportunity to consider implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference, go more deeply into the humanitarian aspect of nuclear disarmament and reflect on developments needed in light of the 2015 Review Conference.

25. While certain matters could have received different emphases in the Chair's factual summary, the document nonetheless reflected the deliberations in a balanced way and would be highly useful in the work of the Preparatory Committee in the years to come.

26. **Mr. Ulyanov** (Russian Federation) noted that the Chair's factual summary was not a consensus document. Rather, as the Chair had noted, it contained his personal perceptions of the discussion. It should state more clearly that disarmament steps could take place only in conditions of strategic stability and equal security for all.

27. Strategic stability was being put to a very serious and dangerous test, mostly as the result of unilateral attempts to create a global or European missile defence system. If such negative trends continued, the necessary conditions for nuclear disarmament might not be present.

28. Consultations on the convocation of the 2012 conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons must be intensified. All countries in the region, including the Arab countries, Israel and Iran, should participate.

29. **Ms. Burk** (United States of America) reaffirmed her delegation's commitment to continue shouldering its responsibilities to implement the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference, including by hosting a

meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations in Washington, D.C., during the month of June, addressing serious compliance challenges and expanding access by States parties to peaceful energy. Her delegation wished to reaffirm its support for the 2012 conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons, which would include and have the support of all countries in the region.

30. **Mr. Cheng Jingye** (China) emphasized that the development of missile defence systems was detrimental to global balance and stability and was not conducive to furthering international nuclear disarmament efforts.

31. **Mr. Simon-Michel** (France) said that the discussions during the first session had included matters that his country considered essential, such as respect for international obligations in the area of non-proliferation and issues related to withdrawal from the Treaty.

32. **Mr. Hoffmann** (Germany) said that despite significant differences of opinion and approach on important issues, there was a broad willingness to work on the basis of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference. His Government would continue to pursue its objectives primarily through the European Union and the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative.

33. It made sense to hold meetings of the Preparatory Committee in Vienna, given that the work of the Committee was closely related to the work and mandate of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which was headquartered in Vienna. Vienna-based delegations were rich in relevant expertise.

34. **Mr. Cabactulan** (the Philippines) said that a chair must be selected for the next meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

35. *After an exchange of courtesies, in which representatives of Japan (speaking on behalf of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative), Egypt, the European Union, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Indonesia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Qatar, Republic of Korea and Australia took part, the Chair declared the first session of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee closed.*

*The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.*