

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

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## Summary record of the 13th meeting

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 20 May 2015, at 3 p.m.

*President:* Ms. Feroukhi . . . . . (Algeria)

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*The meeting was called to order at 3.05 p.m.*

**Reports of the Main Committees** (*continued*)

1. **The President** said that the purpose of the meeting was to update States parties on the work undertaken by the President and the Chairs of the Main Committees. Main Committees II and III had been meeting in plenary informally, with the aim of arriving at a consensus document on their respective mandates, since no consensus had been reached on the draft reports of the Chairs of the two Committees. She had personally overseen the informal discussions of the focus group on nuclear disarmament. While efforts were ongoing to bridge the gap between States parties on that issue, there were still significant differences of opinion on the main elements concerning nuclear disarmament. She would continue to do her utmost to reach an outcome that would satisfy most of the States parties' expectations.

2. **Mr. Istrate** (Romania), speaking as Chair of Main Committee II, said that since the last formal plenary meeting of the Review Conference, all delegations from the Committee had been meeting informally in plenary and in small groups to consider clusters of issues as set out in document [NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/WP.1](#). A number of issues still required further refinement in order to achieve consensus and he would continue to make every effort to resolve them.

3. **Mr. Stuart** (Australia), speaking as Chair of Main Committee III, said that the informal meetings of the Committee had been conducted in a productive and constructive spirit, and that agreement had been reached on the wording of a number of outstanding paragraphs from the his draft report ([NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/WP.2](#)). Work was ongoing on a number of other paragraphs and he hoped that consensus would be forthcoming.

4. There were differing views on the content of the draft report of the Chair of the Committee's subsidiary body ([NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/WP.1](#)). Delegations had been able to agree on the wording of some paragraphs, which would be submitted to the Review Conference for consideration and possible inclusion in an agreed final document. Other paragraphs, on the other hand, were still under active consideration and he hoped they would be resolved before the end of the day.

5. **The President** said that informal discussions would continue once the formal meeting was adjourned. She would lead discussions on all issues relating to the possible establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, in addition to nuclear disarmament. She urged delegations to make every effort to reach consensus and thus allow the Review Conference to produce an acceptable final document and strengthen the Treaty.

*The meeting rose at 3.20 p.m.*