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ENERGY

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Item 6 of the agenda

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

DRAFT REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

1. The question of convening an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations system, aimed at promoting international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy for economic and social development, was first considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, when, in its resolution 32/50 of 8 December 1977, the Assembly spelt out four principles on the subject and invited all States, as well as the international organizations concerned, to respect and observe those principles. Since then, the General Assembly has each year reaffirmed the principles and provisions of that resolution.

2. After further consideration of the matter at its thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions, the General Assembly, in its resolution 35/112 of 5 December 1980, decided to convene a United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy in accordance with the objectives of its resolution 32/50. The Assembly also decided to establish a Preparatory Committee for the Conference, whose composition would be in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical representation. The Conference was originally scheduled to be held in 1983 but for various considerations, and in view of the need for further time to reconcile differing viewpoints on several issues, the timing of the Conference was subsequently reconsidered.

3. In its resolution 36/78 of 9 December 1981, the General Assembly considered that the outcome of the Conference should be embodied in appropriate documents, in a suitable format, pertaining, inter alia, to ways and means of promoting international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Assembly also urged all States to contribute to the successful preparation of the Conference by, inter alia, making available, in conformity with international obligations, information on their scientific and technological achievements and practical experiences in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. In the same resolution, the Assembly also invited the International Atomic Energy Agency

(IAEA), specialized agencies and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system to contribute effectively to the preparations for the Conference.

4. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 37/167 of 17 December 1982, expressed concern at the lack of progress and recognized the pressing need to speed up and complete substantive preparations for the Conference, its provisional agenda, its documentation and its rules of procedure. The Assembly requested the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference to make appropriate arrangements, including as necessary through intersessional work by States members of the Committee under the guidance of its Chairman and also through regional efforts and appropriate public information activities, with a view to ensuring meaningful results from the Conference.

5. At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 38/60 of 14 December 1983, decided that the Conference should be held in 1986. Further, the Assembly requested the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference to undertake appropriate consultations with Member States which could facilitate the resolution of pending issues relating to the Conference, including its provisional agenda and rules of procedure, as well as to the venue and actual dates of the Conference, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its fifth session.

6. At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 39/74 of 13 December 1984, noted that the pending issues relating to the Conference had been successfully resolved at the fifth session of the Preparatory Committee. Noting also that the Committee had once again emphasized the importance of adequate preparations for the Conference and agreed on the importance of inter-sessional intergovernmental consultations and contacts, and noting that the Committee had agreed to begin formal/official inter-sessional intergovernmental work with its sixth session, the General Assembly approved the recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the Committee. 1/ Further, the Assembly requested the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference, on the basis of the practice successfully used before the fifth session of the Committee, to continue informal individual and group consultations in order to assist the Committee in expediting the necessary procedural and substantive preparations for the Conference. The Assembly also decided that the Conference should be held at Geneva from 10 to 28 November 1986 and that the Preparatory Committee should hold its sixth session at Vienna from 21 October to 1 November 1985 to consider, inter alia, the mechanism for formal/official inter-sessional intergovernmental work and the commencement of preparation of the concluding document or documents of the Conference, as well as the mandate and composition of the group of internationally eminent experts.

7. The Preparatory Committee held its first three sessions at Vienna from 3 to 7 August 1981, 21 to 30 June 1982 and 27 October to 2 November 1982, respectively. It held its fourth session at United Nations Headquarters from 28 March to 8 April 1983 and its fifth session at Vienna from 25 June to 6 July 1984. 2/

ORGANIZATION OF THE SIXTH SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

8. At its sixth session, the Committee held meetings (54th to ... meetings) from 21 October to 1 November 1985. A number of informal meetings were also held during the session.

B. Membership and attendance

9. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 35/112 of 5 December 1980 and 36/78 of 9 December 1981, the following 66 Member States had been appointed by the President of the Assembly as members of the Preparatory Committee:

Algeria	Japan
Argentina	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Australia	Malaysia
Austria	Mauritania
Belgium	Mexico
Brazil	Morocco
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Niger
Cameroon	Nigeria
Canada	Norway
Chile	Pakistan
China	Peru
Colombia	Philippines
Costa Rica	Poland
Cuba	Romania
Czechoslovakia	Saudi Arabia
Denmark	Senegal
Ecuador	Spain
Egypt	Sri Lanka
Finland	Sweden
France	Syrian Arab Republic
German Democratic Republic	Thailand
Germany, Federal Republic of	Turkey
Ghana	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Greece	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Guatemala	United Arab Emirates
Hungary	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
India	United States of America
Indonesia	Uruguay
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Venezuela
Iraq	Yugoslavia
Ireland	Zaire
Italy	
Ivory Coast	

10. The following members of the Committee were represented at its sixth session:

Algeria	Ivory Coast
Argentina	Japan
Australia	Malaysia
Austria	Mexico
Belgium	Morocco
Brazil	Netherlands
Bulgaria	Nigeria
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Norway
Cameroon	Pakistan
Canada	Peru
Chile	Philippines
China	Poland
Colombia	Romania
Cuba	Saudi Arabia
Czechoslovakia	Spain
Denmark	Sri Lanka
Ecuador	Sweden
Egypt	Syrian Arab Republic
Finland	Thailand
France	Turkey
German Democratic Republic	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Germany, Federal Republic of	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Ghana	United Arab Emirates
Greece	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Hungary	United States of America
India	Uruguay
Indonesia	Venezuela
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Yugoslavia
Iraq	Zaire
Ireland	
Italy	

11. The following State also participated as an observer at the sixth session:

Tunisia

12. The following non-member States were represented at the sixth session:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Republic of Korea
Switzerland

13. The following specialized agencies were represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

14. The International Atomic Energy Agency was represented.

15. The following United Nations bodies were represented:

Economic Commission for Europe
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
Economic Commission for Western Asia
United Nations Environment Programme
United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

16. The following intergovernmental organizations were also represented:

Commission of the European Communities
World Energy Conference

C. Officers of the Committee

17. At the 54th meeting, on 21 October 1985, the Committee was informed that Mr. F. K. A. Allotey of Ghana, Mr. Johan Nordenfelt of Sweden and Mr. Jorge Voto Bernales of Peru would not be able to continue to serve as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee. Consequently, the Committee elected Messrs. Kobina Wudu (Ghana), Jan Kronholm (Sweden) and Jorge Morelli Pando (Peru) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee to replace Messrs. Allotey, Nordenfelt and Voto Bernales, respectively.

18. The officers of the Committee are thus as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Novak Pribicevic (Yugoslavia)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Juan Carlos Beltramino (Argentina)
Mr. Essam El-Din Hawas (Egypt)
Mr. Zdeněk Kamis (CSSR)
Mr. Jan Kronholm (Sweden)
Mr. Suror Merza Mahmoud (Iraq)
Mr. Jorge Morelli Pando (Peru)
Mr. Frans J. A. Terwisscha van Scheltinga (Netherlands)
Mr. Kobina Wudu (Ghana)

Rapporteur: Mr. Enny Soeprapto (Indonesia)

19. The Chairman was unable to participate in the 54th to 61st meetings. He designated Mr. Juan Carlos Beltramino to chair those meetings in his absence.

D. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

20. At its 54th meeting, on 21 October, the Committee adopted the following agenda for the session, as contained in document A/CONF.108/PC/12:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Consideration of rules 6 and 51 of the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference.

3. Preparations for the Conference and documentation:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Establishment of the group of internationally eminent experts, its mandate and composition;
 - (c) Formal inter-sessional intergovernmental work: date of commencement and setting-up of mechanism.
 4. Commencement of preparation of concluding document(s) of the Conference.
 5. Meeting of the seventh session: venue, dates and provisional agenda.
 6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.
21. At the same meeting, having heard a statement by Mr. Beltramo reflecting the views of the bureau on the organization of work at the session, the Committee agreed to consider the substantive items on the agenda in the following order: items 3(c) and 4, item 3(b), item 2, item 3(a) and item 5, followed by any other matter requiring attention.

E. Documentation

22. The documents before the Committee are listed in annex II.

F. Adoption of the report

23. At its ..th meeting, on, the Committee adopted the report on its work at its sixth session (A/CONF.108/PC/L... and addenda), as orally amended.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AT ITS SIXTH SESSION

A. Opening statement by the Chairman

24. At the opening meeting of the sixth session, on 21 October, Mr. Beltramino read a statement on behalf of the Chairman. The statement is reproduced in annex I.

B. Preparations for the Conference and documentation
Formal inter-sessional intergovernmental work:
date of commencement and setting-up of mechanism
Commencement of preparation of concluding document(s)
of the Conference
(agenda items 3(c) and 4)

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1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/39/47).

2/ For the report of the Committee on its first session, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No.48 (A/36/48); for the report of the Committee on its second, third and fourth sessions, ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 48 and 48 A (A/37/48 and Add.1); and for the report of the Committee on its fifth session, ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/39/47).

ANNEX I

Opening statement by the Chairman

As you will recall, the Preparatory Committee, at its fifth session, held from 25 June to 6 July last year, was able to resolve successfully the various pending issues, including an agreed agenda for the conference and the decision-making process. The fifth session of our Committee thus not only represented an important breakthrough in our work but also provided the necessary impulse and momentum for further progress in the preparations for the Conference.

All of you are also aware of the General Assembly's latest resolution (39/74), which was sponsored by Egypt, the Federal Republic of Germany and Poland and adopted unanimously on 13 December 1984. It is a matter of gratification that, for the second year in succession now, we have a resolution of the General Assembly sponsored by the Group of 77, as well as both the Western group and the group of East European countries. This reflects indeed the spirit of co-operative and objective approach and commitment to the aims and objectives of the Conference.

In this resolution, the General Assembly approved the recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its fifth session. a/ Further, the General Assembly charged the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference, on the basis of the practice successfully used before the fifth session, to continue informal individual and group consultations with Member States in order to assist the Committee in expediting procedural and substantive preparations for the Conference. In pursuance of this specific mandate, we both have been jointly engaged in a series of informal consultations over the past months and we shall report to you shortly on these consultations as we take up various subject-matters for consideration.

Here, I should like to recall that, in the final declaration of the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, there is a specific reference to our Conference in the following words:

"The Conference expresses its satisfaction at the progress in the preparations for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (UNCPICPUNE) and its conviction that UNCPICPUNE will fully realize its goals in accordance with the objectives of resolution 32/50 and relevant subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly for the development of national programmes of peaceful uses of nuclear energy for economic and social development, especially in the developing countries.

The Conference considers that all proposals related to the promotion and strengthening of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy which have been produced by the Third Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty be transmitted to the Preparatory Committee of UNCPICPUNE." b/

Further, I should like to recall that the Non-Aligned Ministerial Meeting held early last month at Luanda, in its concluding declaration, has also expressed satisfaction at the progress made in the preparations for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the

Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy for economic and social development, in the interest of developing countries and international community as a whole. The Non-Aligned Ministers have underlined the necessity for continuing detailed preparations, with the active participation of all countries, in order to realize fully the goals of the Conference and have reaffirmed their conviction that the results of the Conference should contribute to free and unhampered access on a just and non-discriminatory basis to the nuclear technology, equipment and materials needed for the development of national programmes of peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

These clearly underline the special importance attached to our Conference by the international community as a whole and the fact that the Conference represents the most appropriate universal forum for consideration of all elements of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. It is only right and proper that the Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty should therefore consider that all proposals related to the promotion and strengthening of international co-operation in this field be transmitted to the Preparatory Committee of our Conference.

In concluding, may I express, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Conference and myself, our sincere appreciation and thanks to you all for the unfailing co-operation and the spirit of understanding and support in our informal consultations, which is most encouraging and augurs well for our work in the coming days. I might mention here that we had an informal meeting of the bureau of the Committee on 1 October, which gave us an opportunity for a preliminary exchange of views on some of the issues on the agenda of our present session. We also had a meeting of the bureau this morning, as is customary, to discuss the organization of the work programme of this session which, as you will appreciate, is an important and primary task for the bureau. I am confident that all of us here, working together in a spirit of co-operation and goodwill as partners in a common endeavour, can look forward to a fully successful and productive session. On my part, I remain entirely at your disposal to help you in every possible way to this end.

a/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/39/47).

b/ See Review Conference of the Parties of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document, Part I (NPT/CONF.III/...) (Geneva, 1985), paras.

ANNEX II

Documents submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its sixth session

Annotated provisional agenda (A/CONF.108/PC/12)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.108/PC/13)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General-Report of the meeting of experts from the Asian and Pacific region held in preparation for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (Bangkok, 14-17 January 1985) (A/CONF.108/PC/14)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Report of the meeting of experts from the Latin American and Caribbean region held in preparation for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (Santiago, 15-18 April 1985) (A/CONF.108/PC/15)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Report of the meeting of experts from the Western Asian region held in preparation for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (Baghdad, 13-16 May 1985) (A/CONF.108/PC/16)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Report of the meeting of experts from the African region held in preparation for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (Addis Ababa, 1-4 July 1985) (A/CONF.108/PC/17)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/19)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the United Nations Development Programme to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/20)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/21 and Corr.1)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/22)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/23 and Add.1)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Environmental implications of expanded utilization of nuclear energy: contribution by the United Nations Environment Programme to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/24)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/25)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the International Maritime Organization to the documentation for the Conference: the work of the International Maritime Organization on the safety of nuclear merchant ships (A/CONF.108/PC/27)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the International Labour Office to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/28)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the documentation for the Conference: training for improved energy planning and decision-making (A/CONF.108/PC/29)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the World Health Organization to the documentation for the Conference: the role of WHO in international co-operation on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy (A/CONF.108/PC/30)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics to the documentation for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/31)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Contribution by the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development: experience of the Nuclear Energy Agency in setting up joint undertakings and co-operative research and development projects (A/CONF.108/PC/32)

Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General - Note by the Secretariat on reports by the International Maritime Organization, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development/Nuclear Energy Agency, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and the International Commission on Radiological Protection (A/CONF.108/PC/33)

Draft report of the Committee on its sixth session (A/CONF.108/PC/L.9 and Add.....)