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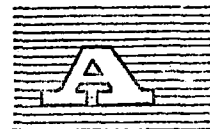
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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON PROHIBITIONS  
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WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY  
INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

Geneva, 15 September - 10 October 1980



REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE

1. In accordance with rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the Conference during the 1979 session at its third plenary meeting, on 11 September 1979, established a Drafting Committee composed of the following ten members: Brazil, France, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Kenya, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Spain and Sudan; at the same meeting the Conference appointed Ambassador Jamsheed K.A. Marker (Pakistan) as Chairman. During the Conference's 1980 session, it decided at its tenth meeting to appoint Argentina as a member of the Committee to fill the vacancy left by Peru. At the same meeting, the Conference decided that Mr. Munir Akram (Pakistan) be appointed Chairman as of 24 September 1980. In accordance with the same rule, the Rapporteur of the Conference participated *ex officio* in the work of the Committee. A number of other delegations also participated in its work. Mr. Sohrab Kheradi served as the Secretary of the Committee and Mr. Paul Szasz as its Legal Adviser.

2. At its eleventh meeting on 19 September 1980, the Committee of the Whole decided to transmit to the Drafting Committee the texts of the Draft Protocol Concerning Non-detectable Fragments; 1/ at its eleventh and fourteenth meetings, on 19 September and 3 October, respectively, the Draft Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices, 2/ and at its fifteenth meeting, on 8 October, the Draft Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons. 3/ At its fifteenth meeting on 8 October 1980, the Committee of the Whole requested the Drafting Committee to submit its report directly to the Conference.

3. At its thirteenth meeting, on 26 September 1980, the Conference Working Group on a General Treaty decided, in order not to delay the work of the Conference, to transmit to the Drafting Committee, subject to the approval of the Conference, the texts of those provisions of the Outline of a Draft Convention on which agreement

1/ A/CONF.95/DC/R.1.

2/ A/CONF.95/DC/R.2 and Add.1.

3/ A/CONF.95/DC/R.4.

had been reached in the Working Group, namely, nine paragraphs of the Preamble, and Articles 2, 4, 8, 9 and 10. 4/ In the light of the same decision, the Working Group decided at its fourteenth meeting, on 26 September 1980, to transmit to the Drafting Committee the text of Article 7 5/ and at its eighteenth meeting, on 1 October 1980, it decided to transmit to the Drafting Committee a text for inclusion in the Draft Convention entitled "Dissemination". 6/ Also recalling its previous decision, the Conference Working Group, at its twentieth meeting, on 9 October 1980, decided to transmit to the Drafting Committee the complete text of the Draft Convention. 7/

4. The Committee held a total of 13 meetings. Pursuant to rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, the Drafting Committee considered the texts submitted to it, subjecting each text to two readings. 8/

5. At its final meeting on 10 October 1980, the Committee adopted its report to the Conference, including four annexes containing the approved texts, in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, of a Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Specific Use of Conventional Weapons 9/ and of its annexed Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), 10/ Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II), 11/ and Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III). 12/

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4/ A/CONF.95/DC/R.3

5/ Ibid.

6/ A/CONF.95/DC/R.3/Add.1

7/ A/CONF.95/DC/R.3/Rev.1

8/ The texts tentatively agreed by the Committee appear in A/CONF.95/DC/CRP.1 and Rev.1; A/CONF.95/DC/CRP.2 and Rev.1; A/CONF.95/DC/CRP.3 and A/CONF.95/DC/CRP.4

9/ See Add.1 hereto

10/ See Add.2 hereto

11/ See Add.3 hereto

12/ See Add.4 hereto