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Geneva, 19 - 30 September 1994

Draft Report of the Drafting Committee

1. At its Plenary Meeting on 19 September, the Special Conference decided, in accordance with Rule 36 of its Rules of Procedure, to establish a Drafting Committee to coordinate the drafting of and edit all texts referred to it by the Conference.
2. At the same Plenary meeting, the Conference elected by acclamation Ambassador Jorge Berguño (Chile) as chairman of the Drafting Committee, and Ambassador Richard Starr (Australia) as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Francesco Cottafavi, Political Affairs Officer, Centre for Disarmament Affairs, acted as Secretary of the Committee.
3. The Drafting Committee held seven meetings during the period from 23 September to 28 September under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Jorge Berguño. The Committee also held informal consultations.
4. In the course of the work of the Committee the Chairman submitted a resource paper (BWC/SPCONF/DC/WP.1) and a Chairman's paper offering a draft of the Final Declaration (BWC/SPCONF/DC/WP.2).
5. The Chairman's paper was welcomed by the Committee and used as a basis for the Committee's work. The comments and proposals made during the meetings were incorporated into the Chairman's paper. A revised version is attached herewith for the consideration of the Conference. At its seventh and final meeting on 28 September 1994, the Drafting Committee adopted its report as contained in document BWC/SPCONF/DC/WP.3.