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**DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

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## Part I

### 1. Organization and work of the conference

#### Introduction

1. The Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, in establishing the Ad Hoc Group of Governmental Experts to identify and examine potential verification measures from a scientific and technical standpoint decided, inter alia, that:

"The report of the Group shall be circulated to all States Parties for their consideration. If a majority of States Parties ask for the convening of a Conference to examine the report, by submitting a proposal to this effect to the depositary Governments, such a Conference will be convened. In such a case the Conference shall decide on any further action".

2. In accordance with the mandate adopted at the Third Review Conference, the Ad Hoc Group of Governmental Experts held four sessions in 1992 and in 1993. At the last session (13 - 24 September 1993) the report of the Group (VEREX Report) was adopted by consensus and later circulated to all States Parties for their consideration (BWC/CONF.III/VEREX/9).

3. In response to requests from a majority of States Parties the Depositary Governments took the necessary steps to convene a Special Conference of States Parties, in accordance with the Final Declaration of the third Review Conference and consistent with UN General Assembly Resolution 48/65, which requested the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be required for the convening of a Special Conference.

4. The Preparatory Committee, convened by the Depositary Governments, held one session in Geneva from 11 to 15 April. The following 61 States Parties to the Convention participated in the session of the Preparatory Committee:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Jordan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan,

Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Zimbabwe.

5. On behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Sohrab Kheradi, Deputy Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs, opened the session of the Preparatory Committee. Mr. Kheradi also served as Secretary of the Committee.

6. At its first meeting on 11 April 1994, the Preparatory Committee elected by acclamation Ambassador Tibor Toth (Hungary), as Chairman of the Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee unanimously elected Dr. A. A. Mohammadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Ambassador Wolfgang Hoffmann (Germany) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

7. In the course of the session the Committee confirmed the understanding reached at the Preparatory Committee of the Third Review Conference and agreed to recommend to the Special Conference that Ambassador Tibor Toth (Hungary) preside over the Special Conference. The Committee also agreed to recommend that the 20 Vice-Presidents be elected in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, these posts to be distributed as follows: 10 from the Group of Non-Aligned and other States, 6 from the Western Group and 4 from the Group of Eastern European States. The Committee further recommended the following distribution of posts for the subsidiary bodies:

Committee of the Whole: Chairman (Western Group)  
Vice-Chairman (Group of NAM and Other States)  
Vice-Chairman (Group of East European States)

Drafting Committee: Chairman (Group of NAM and other States)  
Vice-Chairman (Western Group)

Credentials Committee: Chairman (Group of NAM and Other States)  
Vice-Chairman (Group of East European States)

8. The Committee decided that the Special Conference should take place in Geneva from 19 to 30 September. The Committee recommended to the Special Conference the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Third Review Conference, "mutatis mutandis" and of a provisional agenda, as attached to the report of the Preparatory Committee (BWC/SPC/PC/6).

9. The Committee decided that, in addition to its report (BWC/SPC/PC/6) and the VEREX Report, (BWC/CONF.III/VEREX/9) the

Special Conference should have available, as background documentation, the Final Document of the Third Review Conference (BWC/CONF III/23).

10. Having adopted the estimates of the cost for the Special Conference as contained in document BWC/SPC/PC/4/Rev.1. the Committee recommended it for adoption by the Special Conference, based on the same cost sharing formula as adopted by the Preparatory Committee itself.

#### Organization of the Conference

11. In accordance with the decision of the Preparatory Committee, the Conference was convened on 19 September at the Palais des Nations in Geneva for a period of two weeks.

12. At its first meeting on 19 September, the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee opened the Special Conference and submitted the report of the Preparatory Committee.

13. The Conference elected by acclamation Ambassador Tibor Toth (Hungary) as its President.

14. The Conference adopted its agenda as recommended by the Preparatory Committee (BWC/SPCONF/L.1), and its programme of work (BWC/SPCONF/L. 2).

15. The Conference adopted its Rules of Procedure as recommended by the Preparatory Committee (BWC/SPC/PC/6). The rules of procedure provide, inter alia, for the establishment of a General Committee, composed of the President of the Conference, the Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee of the Whole, the Drafting Committee and the Credentials Committee.

16. The Conference confirmed the nomination of Mr. Sohrab Kheradi, Deputy Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs, as Secretary-General of the Conference. The nomination had been made by the Secretary-General of the United-Nations, following an invitation by the Preparatory Committee.

17. The Conference elected by acclamation 20 Vice-Presidents from the following States Parties: Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Korea, Netherlands, Romania, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Zimbabwe. The Conference also elected by acclamation the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committee of the Whole, the Drafting Committee and the Credentials Committee as follows:

Committee of the Whole: Chairman	Ambassador Cristopher Westdal (Canada)
Vice-Chairman	Orobola Fasehun (Nigeria)
Vice-Chairman	Mr. Vladislav Demyanenko (Ukraine)
Drafting Committee: Chairman	Ambassador Jorge Berguño (Chile)
Vice-Chairman	Ambassador Richard Starr (Australia)
Credentials Committee: Chairman	Ambassador J.A. Eksteen (South Africa)
Vice-Chairman	Ambassador Ludwig Dembinsky (Poland)

#### Participation at the Conference

18. The following seventy-nine States Parties to the Convention participated in the Conference:

Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Columbia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

19. In addition, Egypt and Morocco, which had signed the Convention but had not yet ratified it, participated in the Conference, without taking part in the adoption of decisions as provided for in rule 44, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure.

20. A list of all delegations to the Conference, including States Parties and signatories, is contained in Annex IV to this report.

21. The Credentials Committee met on ... and on..... and on... September reported to the Conference on the credentials of the

States Parties (BWC/SPCONF/CC ). At its .... plenary meeting on..... September the Conference took note of the report.

#### Work of the Conference

22. The Conference held..... Plenary meetings from 19 to 30 September, when it concluded its work.

23. The first... Plenary meetings were devoted to the general debate on Agenda Item 9 entitled "Consideration of the Report of the Ad Hoc Group of Governmental Experts to Identify and Examine Potential Verification Measures from a Scientific and Technical Standpoint and decision on any further action with a view to strengthening the Convention". 28 among States Parties and signatory States made statements in the general debate.

24. The Committee of the Whole held seven meetings between 20 and 23 September. The Committee also held informal consultations. During its work oral statements were made and eighteen working papers were submitted. Its report was submitted to the Conference at its..... Plenary Meeting on 23 September. The working papers were annexed to the report. At the same meeting, the Conference took note of the report.

25. The Drafting Committee held.... meetings between 20 and ... September. During its work oral statements were made and working papers were submitted. The Committee also held informal consultations. Its report was submitted to the Conference at its...plenary meeting on ... September. At the same meeting the Conference took note of the report.

#### Documentation

26. A list of documents of the Conference is contained in Annex I to this report.

#### Conclusion of the Conference

27. At its... and final plenary meeting on 30 September, the Conference adopted by consensus its Final Report, as recommended by the Drafting Committee in its report (BWC/SPCONF/DC. ). The Final Report consists of four parts and four annexes:

- I. Organization and work of the Conference;
- II. Report of the Conference to the States Parties;
- III. Reports of the Subsidiary Bodies;
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