

CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

CD/1356
21 September 1995

Original: ENGLISH

DECISION ON EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE

(Adopted at the 719th plenary meeting on 21 September 1995)

The Conference on Disarmament, bearing in mind General Assembly Resolution 49/77 B of 15 December 1994, decides to adopt the report (CD/1214) of the then-Special Coordinator for Membership, Ambassador Paul O'SULLIVAN of Australia, presented at the 660th plenary meeting of the Conference on 12 August 1993, and the recommended composition of the Conference on Disarmament attached to it. It is understood that, in accordance with the statement made by the then-Special Coordinator for Membership at the 663rd plenary meeting of the Conference on 26 August 1993, this decision is in conformity with rule two of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference which provides that "the membership of the Conference will be reviewed at regular intervals", and without prejudice to the consideration of the other candidatures to date.

Accordingly, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Finland, Iraq, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe, will all assume together membership of the Conference at the earliest possible date to be decided by the Conference.

The Conference will review the situation following the presentation of progress reports by the President on on-going consultations at the end of each part of its annual session.