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REPORT OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS HELD AT THE  
LUTFI KIRDAR ISTANBUL CONVENTION CENTRE

1. In conformity with the practice followed at United Nations special conferences and General Assembly resolution 47/180 and as recommended by the Preparatory Committee in its decision II/3, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 50/100, pre-Conference consultations were held on 1 and 2 June 1996. Participation in the consultations was open to representatives of all States invited to participate in the Conference.

A. Opening of the pre-Conference consultations

2. The Secretary-General of the Conference opened the meeting.

B. Election of the Presiding Officer of the pre-Conference consultations

3. Upon the proposal of the Secretary-General of the Conference, His Excellency Mr. Huseyin E. Çelem, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations, was elected Chairman of the pre-Conference consultations by acclamation.

C. Adoption of the rules of procedure

4. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, it was recommended that the Conference adopt the provisional rules of procedures as contained in document A/CONF.165/2.

D. Adoption of the agenda

5. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, it was recommended that the Conference adopt the provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.165/1.

E. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference

6. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, it was recommended that the Conference endorse the recommendations concerning the composition of the General Committee.
7. At the same meeting, it was recommended that the Conference elect, by consensus, His Excellency Mr. Süleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey, as President of the Conference.
8. At the same meeting, it was recommended that the Conference elect, by consensus, His Excellency Professor Emre Gönensay, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, as Vice-President ex officio of the Conference.
9. At the same meeting, after statements by the representatives of Mexico and Ecuador and on the proposal of Ecuador, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States, it was recommended that the following five Latin American and Caribbean States, be elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, El Salvador, Jamaica and Peru.
10. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on behalf of the Western European and other States, it was recommended that the following six Western European and other States be elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: France, Germany, Greece, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.
11. At the 2nd meeting, on 2 June, it was recommended that the election of seven Vice-Presidents from the African States be deferred to the Conference.
12. At the same meeting, it was recommended that the election of three Vice-Presidents from the Eastern European States be deferred to the Conference.
13. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the Asian States, it was recommended that the following six Asian States be elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: China, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nepal, Sri Lanka and Yemen.
14. At the same meeting, it was recommended that His Excellency, Dr. Ricardo Gorosito (Uruguay) be elected, by acclamation, Rapporteur-General of the Conference.
15. At the same meeting, it was recommended that His Excellency Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel (Pakistan) be elected, by acclamation, Chairman of Committee I.

16. At the same meeting, it was recommended that His Excellency Mr. Martti Lujanen (Finland) be elected, by acclamation, Chairman of Committee II.

F. Organization of work, including the establishment of the main committees

17. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, it was recommended that the Conference approve the organization of work as contained in document A/CONF.165/3.

18. It was also recommended that the Conference endorse the recommendations relating to the allocation of items, time-limits for speakers and other organizational matters during the general exchange of views, as set out in document A/CONF.165/3.

19. It was also recommended that the Conference approve the timetable for the work of the Conference and the organization of meetings, including the work of the two main committees, as contained in the annex to document A/CONF.165/3, with the proviso that the organization of work of the main committees would be adjusted as required.

20. It was further recommended that the Conference endorse the recommendations concerning the organization of the general exchange of views, the High-level Segment, Committee I and Committee II, as well as the arrangements regarding the organization of meetings, as set out in document A/CONF.165/3.

G. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

21. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, on the proposal of the Chairman, it was recommended that a Credentials Committee of nine members be appointed at the beginning of the Conference, its composition to be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fiftieth session. In this connection, it was recommended that the members of the Credentials Committee be China, Luxembourg, Mali, the Marshall Islands, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States of America and Venezuela, on the understanding that, if one of those States did not participate in the Conference, it would be replaced by another State from the same regional group.

H. Accreditation of international associations of local authorities

22. At the 2nd meeting, on 2 June, it was recommended that the Conference accredit the international associations of local authorities listed in document A/CONF.165/6 and Add.1.

I. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

23. At the 2nd meeting, on 2 June, it was recommended that the Conference accredit the Federation of Westthrace Turks in Europe, a non-governmental organization.

24. The representative of Greece made a statement of reservation. The representatives of Pakistan, Costa Rica and the Russian Federation expressed their appreciation for the position taken by the delegation of Greece.

25. At the same meeting, it was recommended that the Conference accredit the non-governmental organizations listed in document A/CONF.165/5 and Add.1 and 2.

26. The representatives of Greece and Turkey made statements of reservation.

J. Report of the Conference

27. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, it was recommended that the Conference take note of the recommendations regarding the report of the Conference contained in paragraph 26 of document A/CONF.165/3.

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