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Chair: Mr. Syed Hussin (Malaysia)

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 12.10 p.m.

Organization of the 2020 Review Conference (continued)

- (g) Background documentation (continued) (NPT/CONF.2020/PC.III/CRP.6)
- 1. **The Chair** invited the Committee to resume its consideration of document NPT/CONF.2020/PC.III/CRP.6 relating to the background documentation of the 2020 Review Conference.
- Mr. Rozhkov (Russian Federation) said that his delegation had proposed at the preceding meeting that a paragraph 3 (b) bis be added to the document, containing a request that documentation prepared by the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization regarding its activities relevant to the implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty be made available to the 2020 Review Conference. The Preparatory Commission directly contributed to the implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Furthermore, the preamble to the Treaty included a reference to the determination expressed by the States parties to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water in its preamble to seek to achieve the discontinuance of all test explosions of nuclear weapons for all time and to continue negotiations to that end. It was therefore difficult to understand why documentation was being requested from a number of other organizations that actively contributed the implementation to of the Non-Proliferation Treaty but not from the Preparatory Commission.
- 3. It was disappointing that a single delegation had been able to block the proposal and that no delegations had supported it. Although numerous delegations had delivered statements in support of the Preparatory Commission and for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty during the general debate and cluster discussions, the lack of support for the proposal had revealed the hypocrisy of those statements. Nonetheless, his delegation opted to work in a constructive manner and would not block the adoption of the draft final report of the Preparatory Committee over the matter of background documentation.
- 4. **The Chair** said that it was his understanding that the Committee wished to adopt the document NPT/CONF.2020/PC.III/CRP.6 without the proposed amendment.
- 5. It was so decided.

Adoption of the final report and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee to the Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2020/PC.III/CRP.7)

6. **The Chair** drew attention to the draft final report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its third session (NPT/CONF.2020/PC.III/CRP.7), and suggested that the Preparatory Committee adopt it paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 8

7. Paragraphs 1 to 8 were adopted.

Paragraph 9

- 8. **The Chair** said that paragraph 9 would be amended to reflect the fact that 151 States parties had participated in one or more sessions of the Preparatory Committee.
- 9. Paragraph 9, subject to the changes indicated, was adopted.

Paragraphs 10 to 12

10. Paragraphs 10 to 12 were adopted.

Paragraph 13

- 11. **The Chair** said that paragraph 13 referred to the number of meetings of the Committee for which summary records were provided, in accordance with the Committee's decision at its first session. The number of meetings at the current session for which summary records were provided would be adjusted accordingly.
- 12. Paragraph 13, subject to the changes indicated, was adopted.

Paragraph 14

13. Paragraph 14 was adopted.

Paragraph 15

- 14. **The Chair** said that paragraph 15 indicated the number of meetings devoted to substantive discussions under agenda item 6 during all three sessions of the Committee. The blank in that paragraph would be filled in by the Secretariat after the conclusion of the session.
- 15. Paragraph 15, subject to the changes indicated, was adopted.

Paragraphs 16 to 18

16. Paragraphs 16 to 18 were adopted.

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Paragraph 19

- 17. **The Chair** said that paragraph 19 referred to the list of documents submitted during the sessions of the Committee. The list would be updated to include all documents submitted before the conclusion of the current session.
- 18. Paragraph 19, subject to the changes indicated, was adopted.

Paragraphs 20 to 32

19. Paragraphs 20 to 32 were adopted.

Paragraphs 33

- 20. **The Chair** said that paragraph 33 contained the Committee's agreement on the schedule for the division of costs, which would be added to the report as annex III.
- 21. Paragraph 33, subject to the changes indicated, was adopted.

Paragraph 34

- 22. **The Chair** said that paragraph 34 referred to the decision by the Committee to invite the Secretary-General to prepare background documentation, which would be added to the report as annex VI.
- 23. Paragraph 34, subject to the changes indicated, was adopted.

Paragraphs 35 to 37

- 24. Paragraphs 35 to 37 were adopted.
- 25. The draft final report of the Preparatory Committee as a whole, subject to the changes indicated, was adopted.
- 26. **The Chair** said that the final report would be issued as document NPT/CONF.2020/1.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.

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