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Chair: Mr. Agyeman. (Ghana)

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 5.20 p.m.

Organization of the 2026 Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.5)

(a) Dates and venue

1. **The Chair** said that he took it that the Preparatory Committee wished to adopt the draft decision contained in document NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.5, which read: “The Committee decides to hold the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in New York from 27 April to 22 May 2026”.

2. *It was so decided.*

(b) Draft rules of procedure (NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.7)

3. **The Chair**, drawing attention to the draft rules of procedure contained in document NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.7, said that it was his understanding that there was consensus on the use of the same rules of procedure as at the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, with the usual updated appendix to rule 12 on the schedule of the division of costs. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft rules of procedure.

4. *It was so decided.*

(d) Appointment of the Secretary-General

5. **The Chair** said that the Committee had decided at its first session to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the members of the Preparatory Committee, to nominate an official to act as provisional Secretary-General of the 2026 Review Conference, to be confirmed by the Conference. In that connection, it was his understanding that Mr. King, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, had been nominated to serve as provisional Secretary-General of the Conference.

6. *The Committee took note of the nomination.*

(e) Provisional agenda (NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.6 and NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.8)

7. **The Chair**, drawing attention to the draft provisional agenda of the 2026 Review Conference contained in document NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.6, said that it was his understanding that there was consensus on using a draft provisional agenda that was based on the agenda of the 2020 Review Conference, which contained only technical updates. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft provisional agenda.

8. *It was so decided.*

9. **The Chair**, drawing attention to the draft decision on the allocation of items to the Main Committees of the 2026 Review Conference contained in document NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.8, said that it was his understanding that there was consensus on the allocation of items to the Main Committees. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft decision.

10. *It was so decided.*

(f) Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee
(NPT/CONF.2026/PC.II/1)

11. **The Chair** said that he wished to draw attention to document [NPT/CONF.2026/PC.II/1](#), prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Preparatory Committee, which contained the estimated cost of the 2026 Review Conference. In particular, it was recalled in paragraph 3 of the document that the costs associated with the preparation and holding of the Conference and the sessions of its Preparatory Committee should not have financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations. Those activities would be undertaken by the Secretariat only after sufficient funding was received, in advance, from States Parties.

12. Recalling that the Committee had adopted the rules of procedure of the Conference and the division of costs contained in the appendix thereto, he said that he took it that the Committee agreed that the rules of procedure and the appendix would be annexed to the final report of the Preparatory Committee.

13. *It was so decided.*

(g) Background documentation (NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.9)

14. **The Chair**, drawing attention to document NPT/CONF.2026/PC.III/CRP.9 relating to the background documentation of the 2026 Review Conference, said that he took it that the Committee wished to invite the Secretary-General to prepare the documentation outlined therein.

15. *It was so decided.*

(h) Final document(s)

16. **The Chair** said that it was his understanding that the Preparatory Committee wished to defer the consideration of the item to the 2026 Review Conference itself.

17. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.
