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**Preparatory Committee for the United Nations  
Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms  
and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects  
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**Proposed changes to the draft provisional rules of procedure  
of the Conference (A/CONF.192/PC/L.5)**

**Working paper by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee**

**X. Public and private meetings**

**General principles**

1. *Replace* draft rule 57 with the following text:

“1. The plenary meetings of the Conference and the meetings of the Committee of the Whole<sup>1</sup> shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise.

“2. Meetings of other organs of the Conference shall be held in private.”

2. *Delete* draft rule 58.

3. *Replace* draft rule 59 with the following text:

“At the close of a private meeting, the presiding officer of the body concerned may issue a communiqué through the Secretary-General of the Conference.”

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Note: Based on the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development.

<sup>1</sup> The exact name of this subsidiary body is still to be determined.

