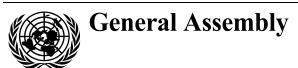
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## Working paper by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee

## 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."

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

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