

**MEETING OF THE HIGH CONTRACTING
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON
PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON
THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL
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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 8th MEETING

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Chairperson: Mr. VERROS (Greece)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

MINES OTHER THAN ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES (agenda item 11) (continued)

1. The CHAIRPERSON said that, since informal consultations on the agenda item were still under way, the meeting would be suspended pending their completion.

The meeting was suspended at 3.10 p.m. and resumed at 4.50 p.m.

2. Mr. da ROCHA PARANHOS (Brazil), speaking as Friend of the Chair, reported that while he had conducted many consultations during the previous week on the issue of mines other than anti-personnel mines, agreement had yet to be reached on controversial issues such as detectability, active life and the definition of a perimeter-marked area. While the majority of delegations wished the item to remain on the agenda, not all delegations were prepared yet to resume discussions on the proposals made in documents CCW/GGE/XII/WG.2/1/Rev.2 and CCW/GGE/XV/WG.2/1.

3. In that context, he proposed that a decision should be taken to dedicate up to two days to the issue of mines other than anti-personnel mines at the next Meeting of the High Contracting Parties in 2008.

4. Mr. BETTAUER (United States of America) said that he objected to the use of the words “up to two days”, as only one hour had been spent discussing the issue at the present Meeting of the High Contracting Parties, despite two days having been set aside for the purpose. Unnecessary expense had therefore been incurred, with States parties paying for conference services that they had not needed.

5. Mr. da ROCHA PARANHOS (Brazil), speaking as Friend of the Chair, replied that his proposal was not that the Meeting should take a final decision to dedicate two days to the issue, but that the incoming chairperson should be given the flexibility to decide, following consultations, how much time was needed.

6. The CHAIRPERSON said that further consultations and bilateral negotiations would be conducted with a view to reaching a decision.

The meeting rose at 5 p.m.