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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 7TH MEETING

held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Friday, 28 September 1979, at 10.30 a.m.

President: Mr. ADENIJI (Nigeria)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.30 a.m.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES (agenda item 2 (f)) (A/CONF.95/5):

Report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.95/5)

1. The report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.95/5) was adopted without objection.

CONSIDERATION OF PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS (agenda item 3) (continued)

Report of the Committee of the Whole (A/CONF.95/6)

2. Mr. VOUTOV (Bulgaria), speaking as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, said that the Committee's report (A/CONF.95/6) would be supplemented by five annexes containing the reports of the Working Groups and other proposals or draft resolutions. Statements by delegations and oral proposals and amendments had not been reproduced in the report, since they were already recorded in the summary records.

3. After referring to the reports submitted by the two Working Groups, he said that the Committee had decided to refer to the Drafting Committee a draft proposal concerning non-detectable fragments on which unanimous agreement had been reached at the Preparatory Conference (A/CONF.95/3, annex II, appendix A), and that it had adopted a draft resolution on small calibre weapon systems (A/CONF.95/6, annex V).

4. He expressed the hope that a compromise solution could be found at the next session of the Conference and that a draft treaty could be proposed.

5. The report of the Committee of the Whole (A/CONF.95/6) was adopted without objection.

6. The draft resolution on small calibre weapon systems (A/CONF.95/6, annex V) was adopted.

The meeting was suspended at 11.50 a.m. and resumed at 12.35 p.m.

Report of the Working Group on a General Treaty (A/CONF.95/7)

7. Mr. de ICAZA (Mexico), speaking as Chairman of the Working Group on a General Treaty, said that annex I to the Working Group's report (A/CONF.95/7) contained the outline of a draft convention in which certain sentences or certain phrases had been placed between square brackets because they had not met with general agreement. In that connexion, he pointed out that the text of article 7 should also be placed between square brackets.

8. No account had been given, in the report, of the discussions to which each article of the draft convention had given rise, since the negotiations were still at an embryonic stage and it was necessary to await the results of the negotiations relating to article 3 before the other articles and the preamble could be considered. However, the outline of a draft convention, as set out in the report, gave an idea of the points of agreement or disagreement. In view of the fact that the

Preparatory Conference had not studied those legal questions in detail, it could be considered that much progress had been made and that fundamental agreement had been reached on the framework of the prohibitions or restrictions of use of certain conventional weapons, as well as on the continuation of work in that field. He expressed the hope that the Conference would reach a successful conclusion and would complete its task at its next session.

9. Mr. de la GORCE (France) said it was regrettable that the original text of the French proposal had not been reproduced in section B of annex II to the document. The present text, which had been retranslated from English, was far from satisfactory.

10. Mr. GAVIRIA (Colombia), supported by Mr. KALSHOVEN (Netherlands), Mr. MAREI (Egypt) and Mr. BARRONI (Israel), said that they found the report very satisfactory.

11. The report of the Working Group on a General Treaty (A/CONF.95/7) was adopted without objection.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.