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to the Convention on the Prohibition of the  
Development, Production and Stockpiling  
of Bacteriological (Biological) and  
Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction**

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**Summary record of the 2nd meeting**

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*President:* Mr. van den IJssel ..... (Netherlands)

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*The meeting was called to order at 11.10 a.m.*

**Report of the Committee of the Whole** (BWC/CONF.VII/COW/CRP.1 and CRP.2; BWC/CONF.VII/COW/INF.1)

1. **Mr. Percaya** (Indonesia), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, introducing the Committee's draft report as contained in document BWC/CONF.VII/COW/CRP.1 and the outline of the draft final declaration contained in BWC/CONF.VII/COW/CRP.2, said that, unfortunately, the Committee of the Whole had been unable to agree on the final language for the preambular paragraphs. He suggested that a facilitator should be appointed to help finalize the language.
2. **The President** said he took it that the Conference wished to take note of the report of the Committee of the Whole.
3. *It was so decided.*

*Final document of the Conference*

4. **The President** invited the Conference to consider the two documents that would form the basis for the final document of the Conference, namely, the outline of the draft final declaration submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole (BWC/CONF.VII/COW/CRP.2) and the elements for the draft final document submitted by himself (BWC/CONF.VII/CRP.1). The draft decisions and recommendations contained in the latter document were drawn from the proposals put forward in working papers, the debate and informal plenaries, the work of the three facilitators and the forward-looking elements of the discussions held in the Committee of the Whole. Everything in the text had been discussed at the Conference, although perhaps not using precisely the same wording. Emphasizing that many of the elements of the text were interrelated, he appealed to delegates to read the entire text with care, alongside the text submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, in order to get a sense of the full package.
5. The draft he had submitted deviated as little as possible from the decisions agreed at the Sixth Review Conference, which had demonstrated their worth over the previous five years. Noting the importance of both continuity and progress, he said that new elements had been fitted into existing structures wherever possible: for example, the open-ended working groups on recurring items had been integrated into the existing intersessional structure. While aware that the draft would not satisfy all delegations, he expressed the hope that it bridged the few serious points of difference that had emerged in the discussions and that it would be recognized as a fair attempt to find a balanced outcome that took account of all positions. He expressed his thanks to all delegations who had contributed working papers and proposals and participated in the discussions, as well as to the three facilitators for their extremely hard work.

*The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.*