PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a working paper on the draft rules of procedure for the International Conference. The present working paper contains a general outline. A complete set of rules could be prepared by the Secretariat if the Preparatory Committee so decides.

1. General rules of procedure for subsidiary organs of the General Assembly

2. Rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly states that:

"The General Assembly may establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. The rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organs unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise."

3. The International Conference being a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (see A/520/Rev.14) shall apply to its procedure, with the exception of those pertaining to decision-making and participation.

2. Decision-making

4. By paragraph 1 of resolution 39/160 of 17 December 1984, the General Assembly decided "to convene an International Conference on the Relationship between
Disarmament and Development, which should be preceded by thorough preparation and should take decisions by consensus". Accordingly, the rule on decision-making should read as follows:

"The Conference shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus."

3. Other participants and observers

5. The text of chapter XI of the rules of procedure of the International Conference on Palestine (A/CONF.114/18) is reproduced in the annex to the present document. The Preparatory Committee may wish to include a similar text in the rules of procedure of the Conference.
Annex


Representatives of the United Nations Council for Namibia

Rule 53

Representatives designated by the United Nations Council for Namibia (representing Namibia) may participate in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committee and any working group, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly.

Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices

Rule 54

Representatives designated by the organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group.

Representatives of national liberation movements

Rule 55

Representatives designated by national liberation movements invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on any matter of particular concern to those movements.

Representatives of the specialized agencies

Rule 56

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

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Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations

Rule 57

Representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of interested United Nations organs

Rule 58

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committee and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations

Rule 59

1. Non-governmental organizations invited to the Conference may designate representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Conference and its Main Committee.

2. Upon the invitation of the presiding officer of the Conference body concerned and subject to the approval of that body, such observers may make oral statements on questions in which they have special competence.

Eminent persons

Rule 60

1. Eminent persons invited to the Conference may attend as observers public meetings of the Conference and its Main Committee.

2. Upon the invitation of the presiding officer of the Conference body concerned and subject to the approval of that body, such eminent persons may make oral statements on questions in which they have special competence.
Written statements

Rule 61

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 53 to 59 or by the eminent persons referred to in rule 60 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to the secretariat for distribution, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization or by an eminent person is on a subject in which the organization or eminent person has a special competence and is related to the work of the Conference.

Notes

5/ For the purposes of these rules, the term, "specialized agencies" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.