PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
Second session
1-11 April 1986, New York

SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/155 of 16 December 1985, the second session of the Preparatory Committee was held at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 11 April 1986. The officers elected by the Committee at its first session, held in New York from 29 July to 9 August 1985, continued to act in that capacity. They are:

Chairman: Mr. Muchkund Dubey (India)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Dietmar Hucke (German Democratic Republic)
Mr. Martin Huslid (Norway)
Mr. Oscar Oramas Oliva (Cuba)
Rapporteur: Mr. Bernards A. N. Mudho (Kenya)

2. Also in accordance with paragraph 6 of the resolution mentioned above, the second session of the Preparatory Committee was open to all States.

3. At its first meeting, on 1 April 1986, the Committee adopted its agenda for the session which reads as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
5. Amendment to rule 36 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference.

6. Invitation to non-governmental organizations.

7. Preliminary consideration of the three substantive items (8, 9, 10) included in the agenda of the Conference.

8. Exchange of views on the content and format of a final document of the Conference.

9. Decision to convene a third session of the Preparatory Committee.

10. Any other business.

4. At its second session, the Committee had before it the following documents prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 20 of the report of the Preparatory Committee to the fortieth session of the General Assembly (A/40/51).

   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/3
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/4 and Corr. 1
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/5
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/6 and Corr. 1
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/7
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/8 and Corr. 1
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/9
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/10
   - A/CONF.130/PC/INF/11 and Corr. 1 and 2 and Add. 1 and 2
   - A/CONF.130/PC/1986/CRP.1*
   - A/CONF.130/PC/1986/CRP.2

5. In addition, the Committee had before it document A/CONF.130/PC/1 submitted by the delegation of France entitled "Letter dated 31 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations", containing French proposals for the Preparatory Committee.

6. At its first meeting, on 1 April, the Committee adopted its programme of work for the session as contained in document A/CONF.130/PC/1986/CRP.2.

7. At its second meeting, on 2 April, the Committee took note of the activities undertaken and planned as contained in the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the status of the preparation of the Conference (A/CONF.130/PC/INF/10), including an annex listing other participants and observers attending the Conference.

8. At the same meeting, on 2 April, the Committee decided to delete the reference to verbatim records from rule 36 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, in view of the fact that resolution 40/155 did not make an explicit reference to the provision of verbatim records. No summary records will be provided either, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 37/14 C.

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9. Also at its second meeting, the Committee took note of the document prepared by the Secretariat regarding the participation of Non-Governmental Organizations in the Conference, as contained in document A/CONF.130/PC/1986/CRP.1*, in particular the list of NGOs to be invited on the understanding that should there be further requests from NGOs, the Secretariat would proceed with the matter in consultation with the members of the Bureau.

10. In accordance with its programme of work, the Committee devoted five meetings to a general exchange of views on the three substantive items on the provisional agenda for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, i.e.:

   Agenda item 8: "Consideration of the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions."

   Agenda item 9: "Consideration of the implications of the level and magnitude of military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and the international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries, and formulation of appropriate recommendations for remedial measures."

   Agenda item 10: "Consideration of ways and means of releasing additional resources, through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular for the benefit of developing countries."

During the course of deliberations, a total of 38 delegations took part in this exchange of views.

11. On the basis of the views expressed during this general exchange of views on the three substantive items, the Chairman prepared for the consideration of the Committee a preliminary paper containing possible elements which could be included in a final document of the Conference (A/CONF.130/PC/1986/CRP.3).

12. The Committee devoted three meetings to an exchange of views on the content and format of a final document of the Conference on the basis of the Chairman's paper, as well as other proposals made by delegations.

13. At its 11th meeting, on 11 April, the Committee took note of the interest expressed by the NGOs and the research institutes to receive the background documents prepared for the Preparatory Committee and agreed to make them available.

14. At its 11th meeting, on 11 April, the Committee decided to hold its third session from 2 to 13 June 1986 at United Nations Headquarters, and recommended that regional groups should use the intervening period for consultations with a view to finalizing the composition of the Bureau of the Conference.