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Introduction

1. By resolution 2153 B (XXI) of 17 November 1966, the General Assembly decided to convene a conference of non-nuclear-weapon States (hereafter referred to as the Conference) to meet not later than July 1968 to consider the following and other related questions: "(a) How can the security of the non-nuclear-States best be assured? (b) How many non-nuclear Powers co-operate among themselves in preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons? (c) How can nuclear devices be used for exclusively peaceful purposes?" By the same resolution, the General Assembly requested its President immediately to set up a preparatory committee, widely representative of the non-nuclear-weapon States, to make appropriate arrangements for convening the Conference and to consider the question of associating nuclear-weapon States with the work of the Conference, and report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.
2. In accordance with the provisions of resolution 2153 B (XXI), the President of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly announced on 20 December 1966 that the preparatory committee would be composed of: Chile, Dahomey, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, United Republic of Tanzania. The preparatory committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Burudi Nabwera (Kenya), held a series of meetings between February - September 1967 and on 15 September 1967 adopted its report to the General Assembly (A/6817).

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3. At its 1640th plenary meeting on 19 December 1967, the General Assembly adopted the following resolution:

"The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2153 B (XXI) of 17 November 1966, by which it decided that a conference of non-nuclear-weapon States should be convened not later than July 1968,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,^{1/}

1. Approves the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States, subject to paragraph 2 below;

2. Decides to convene the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States at Geneva from 29 August to 28 September 1968;

3. Decides to invite to the Conference non-nuclear-weapon States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for convening the Conference in accordance with the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee."

Organization of the Conference

4. The Conference was convened on 29 August 1968 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. After the opening of the Conference by Mr. Winspeare Guicciardi, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Conference elected as its President Mr. Arshad Husain, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan.

5. At its second plenary meeting, on 30 August, the Conference established the Credentials Committee, consisting of the following States: Ireland (Chairman), Australia, Bulgaria, Ceylon, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Japan, Madagascar, Morocco.

6. At the same meeting on 30 August 1968, the Conference elected Mr. Gros Espiell (Uruguay) and Mr. Burudi Nabwera (Kenya) Chairmen of the two Main Committees of the Conference.

7. At the same meeting, the Conference decided to elect twelve Vice-Presidents: Austria, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Italy, Japan, Romania, Spain, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania and Yugoslavia.

8. At its sixteenth meeting on 16 September 1968, the Conference decided to set up a Drafting Committee composed of Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Ghana, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Switzerland and Zambia. Mr. S.E.M. Piero Vinci (Italy) and Mr. Antonio Gómez Robledo (Mexico) were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.
9. The Conference held a series of meetings between 29 August and 28 September 1968. Ninety-six countries participated in the Conference. The delegations of were represented by their Foreign Ministers. International Atomic Energy Agency, International Labour Organisation and World Meteorological Organization attended the Conference as observers. (Annex I).

Agenda of the Conference

10. In its report to the twenty-second session of the General Assembly, the Preparatory Committee had recommended a provisional agenda for the Conference (A/6817).
11. The General Committee of the Conference, at its first meeting, decided to recommend to the Conference modifications in the items 11-15 of the provisional agenda. The agenda, as recommended by the General Committee, was adopted by the Conference at its third plenary meeting on 3 September 1968 (Annex II). The Conference also decided to allocate agenda items 11, 12 and 13 to Committee I, agenda item 14 to Committee II, and agenda item 15 to the plenary.

Rules of Procedure for the Conference

12. In its report to the twenty-second session of the General Assembly, the Preparatory Committee had recommended the draft rules of procedure for the Conference (A/6817).
13. At its second plenary meeting, the Conference adopted the draft rules of procedure, as recommended by the Preparatory Committee, with one modification, namely, Rule 6 to be amended by the number of Vice-Presidents being increased from four to twelve (Annex III).

Work of the Conference

14. The Conference held plenary meetings. Of these, 15 meetings were taken up for the General Debate in which 54 delegations participated. Committee I held 22 meetings between 4 and 26 September and Committee II held 17 meetings between 4 and 25 September 1968. The reports of Committee I and II are annexed (Annex IV).
15. At the plenary meeting, the Conference approved the Report of the Credentials Committee.

Documentation

16. The Conference had before it a large number of documents. Apart from the pre-conference documentation prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations, with the help of consultants, in response to a specific request of the Preparatory Committee, the Conference had several working papers and a substantial number of draft proposals in the Committees and in plenary. All these documents are annexed to this report (Annex V). The records of the Conference are also annexed (Annex VI).

Decisions taken by the Conference

17. The Conference adopted the following resolutions and declaration and authorizes the President of the Conference to transmit them to the Secretary-General of the United Nations: