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<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. LAI	Malaysia
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. ILLANES	Chile
	Mr. TEVOEDJRE	Dahomey
	Mr. NYAMBEYA	Kenya
	Mr. KHANACHET	Kuwait
	Mr. GAUCI	Malta
	Mr. MOHAMMED	Nigeria
	Mr. MIRZA	Pakistan
	Mr. MACKENHIE	Peru
	Mr. ARIAS SALGADO	Spain
<u>Secretariat:</u>	Mr. FREY	Secretary of the Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (A/CONF.35/PC/L.10)

The agenda was adopted.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES (A/CONF.35/PC/L.4 and Add.1 and 2, L.8, L.9) (continued)

The CHAIRMAN asked whether the members of the Committee were ready to approve the dates for the Conference suggested by the Under-Secretary for Conference Services at the previous meeting, i.e. Monday, 11 March 1968 to Wednesday, 11 April 1968. Those dates would give the Conference twenty-three working days.

Mr. ILLANES (Chile) said that he was prepared to approve the dates suggested, on the understanding that the General Assembly might, if it decided to accept an invitation to hold the Conference in some city other than Geneva, make other arrangements.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should approve the dates 11 March to 11 April 1968 for the Conference.

It was so decided.

Draft rules of procedure for the Conference (A/CONF.35/PC/L.8)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that at its previous meeting the Committee had considered the rules in chapters I, II and III and had deferred a decision on rules 2, 6, 13 and 15. Members might also wish to give further consideration to rule 11, the amended text of which was not entirely satisfactory.

Rule 2

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) said that he understood that, despite rule 26 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, it was not uncommon in practice for the Assembly and subsidiary organs to allow both alternates and advisers to act as representatives. His delegation was therefore prepared to accept the text of rule 2 as it stood.

Rule 2 was adopted.

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Rule 6

Mr. MIREA (Pakistan) suggested that the rule should provide for the election of two Vice-Presidents. That arrangement would make it possible for the President, each Vice-President and each of the two Chairmen of the Main Committees to represent one of the areas recognized by the United Nations for the purposes of the geographical distribution principle, thus ensuring the representative character of the General Committee.

Mr. MOHAMMED (Nigeria) said that the suggestion of the representative of Pakistan offered an attractive solution. The difference in importance between the duties of the officers of the Conference and those of the Committee Chairmen was obvious, however, and a better balance would have to be ensured. He therefore proposed that rule 6 should provide for the election of four Vice-Presidents.

It was so decided.

Rule 6 was adopted.

Rule 11

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should revise the decision taken at its seventh meeting and add the words "for the duration of the Conference" to the text given in document A/CONF.35/PC/L.8.

It was so agreed.

Rule 11, as amended, was adopted.

Rule 13

Rule 13 was adopted.

Rule 15

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the original text of draft rule 15 should be replaced by the following amended text, which had been prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Committee:

"The General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Conference. It shall assist the President in drawing up the agenda for each plenary meeting and in determining the priority of its

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items. Subject to the decisions of the Conference, it shall ensure the co-ordination of its work in accordance with the provisions of rule 48."

It was so decided.

Rule 15, as amended, was adopted.

Rule 16

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) observed that paragraph 2 of the draft rule related to administrative arrangements which could safely be left to the Secretary-General. He therefore proposed that the paragraph should be deleted.

Mr. MOHAMMED (Nigeria) said that the paragraph did not add to or detract from the rule and that he had no objection to its deletion.

The proposal of the representative of Pakistan was adopted.

Rule 16, as amended, was adopted.

Rules 17-26

Rules 17-26 were adopted.

Rule 27

Mr. KHANACHET (Kuwait) proposed that the second and third sentences of the draft rule should be amended so as to bring the text into line with rule 73 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

It was so agreed.

Rule 27, as amended, was adopted.

Rules 28-32

Rules 28-32 were adopted.

Rule 33

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) proposed that the words "shall be associated with" in paragraph 2 should be replaced by "shall participate fully in".

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Mr. LAI (Malaysia), Rapporteur, said that the paragraph was based on General Assembly resolution 2153 B (XXI), which referred to "the association of nuclear States with the work of the conference". Members might, however, consider whether the phrase "shall be associated with" was not too preemptory, since the situation would presumably be that invitations to participate would be issued to Member States.

Mr. GAUCI (Malta) said that the difficulty which the Rapporteur had mentioned might be overcome by using the wording "Nuclear-weapon States which have agreed to participate ...".

Mr. KHANACHET (Kuwait) supported the amendment proposed by the representative of Pakistan. It might be more logical, however, to omit "fully", since a State which had no voting right could hardly be said to be participating fully in the Conference.

Mr. MOHAMMED (Nigeria) supported the Pakistan amendment. The fact of not having voting rights would not, in his view, prevent nuclear-weapon States from participating fully and actively in the work of the Conference.

Mr. TEVOEDJRE (Dahomey) supported those observations.

Mr. LAI (Malaysia) proposed that paragraph 2 of the rule should be replaced by the following text: "Nuclear-weapon States participating in the Conference shall have all rights except that of voting".

It was so agreed.

Rule 33, as amended, was adopted.

Rule 34

Rule 34 was adopted.

Rule 35

Mr. KHANACHET (Kuwait) proposed that the words "present and" in the second line of rule 35 should be deleted, to bring it into line with rule 88 of the General Assembly's rules of procedure.

It was so decided.

Rule 35, as amended, was adopted.

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Rule 36

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) proposed that the words "or by standing" should be deleted from the rule.

It was so decided.

Rule 36, as amended, was adopted.

Rules 37-41

Rules 37-41 were adopted.

Rule 42

Rule 42 was adopted, subject to a minor drafting change.

Rules 43-44

Rules 43-44 were adopted.

Rule 45

Mr. KHANACHEF (Kuwait) proposed that the words "two or more" should be inserted before the words "main committees".

It was so decided.

Rule 45, as amended, was adopted.

Rules 46-59

Rules 46-59 were adopted.

Rule 60

Mr. MOHAMMED (Nigeria) wondered whether observers for regional inter-governmental organizations might be included under rule 60.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Committee had decided previously not to invite observers for such organizations, in view of the political implications involved.

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) said that, for similar reasons, he would not press for the inclusion of observers for non-governmental organizations in rule 60.

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Mr. KHANACHET (Kuwait) wondered whether the Secretariat envisaged inviting the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee (ENDC) to participate, as an observer, in the Conference.

Mr. PEREY (Secretary of the Committee) observed that ENDC was not a United Nations body as such and would have to be approached through the co-chairman of ENDC, if the Committee so desired.

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) thought that ENDC should not be asked to participate as such, but that its individual members should be urged to participate in the work of the Conference.

Mr. KHANACHET (Kuwait) proposed that the words "and the IAEA" should be inserted in rule 60 (1), after the words "the competent specialized agencies".

It was so decided.

Rule 60, as amended, was adopted.

The draft rules of procedure for the Conference (A/CONF.35/PC/L.8), as a whole, as amended, were adopted.

Draft provisional agenda for the Conference (A/CONF.35/PC/L.9)

Mr. MOHAMMED (Nigeria) informed the Committee that, as a result of a decision by the Working Group, the words "between non-nuclear-weapon States and nuclear-weapon States" in item 1 (b) should be deleted.

The draft provisional agenda for the Conference (A/CONF.35/PC/L.9) was adopted, subject to minor drafting changes in items 3 (a) and 3 (b).

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) said that his delegation had accepted the draft provisional agenda for the Conference on the understanding that, while the agenda as it stood adequately covered all the points which seemed necessary at the present stage, it could be revised by the General Assembly or by the Conference itself, in the light of new developments or any suggestions that might be forthcoming from nuclear-weapon States.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.