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NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES

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PRESENT:

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Rapporteur: Mr. LAI Malaysia 
Members: 
Mr. ILLANES Chile 
Mr. NYAMWEYA Kenya 
Mr. IKAM Kuwait 
Mr. AZMAN Malaysia 
Mr. CAUCI Malta 
Mr. OSHUNDUN Nigeria 
Mr. MIRZA Pakistan 
Mr. ARIAS SALGADO Spain 

Secretary: Mr. VELLODE Deputy Under-Secretary for Political and Security Council Affairs 
Mr. FREY Secretary of the Committee
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (A/CONF.35/PC/L.13)

The agenda was adopted.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES (continued)

The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to two documents prepared by the Rapporteur: one concerned security guarantees in the context of measures to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, the other the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in the context of measures to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

Mr. LAT (Malaysia), Rapporteur, said that the two documents had been prepared for the information of Committee members and he hoped that they would find them useful.

Regarding the preparatory documentation for the Conference, it might be useful to propose a list of items on which preparatory documentation could be drawn up. Since the agenda for the Conference was still provisional, it might be more practical for the Preparatory Committee to recommend that the General Assembly, after adopting the agenda, should request the Secretary-General to provide suitable preparatory documentation on the items on the Conference agenda.

Mr. ARIAS SALGADO (Spain) considered the Rapporteur's suggestion perfectly sound in view of the provisional character of the Conference agenda. The preparatory documentation should be ready as soon as possible.

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) thanked the Rapporteur for preparing two documents that would be very valuable to the Committee. As his delegation had already stated, the documentation on legal and technical items should be fuller than that on political items. In particular, the documentation on items 1 (a), 1 (b), 1 (c) and 1 (d) of the provisional agenda for the Conference (A/CONF.35/PC/L.11) should be fuller than that on items 3 (a), 3 (b) and 3 (c). The Secretariat should also give particular attention to items 3 (d) and 3 (e) and prepare full documentation on items 4 (a), 4 (b) and 4 (c).

His delegation supported the Rapporteur's suggestion, on the understanding that the documentation would be as full as possible and that experts and consultants would if necessary be consulted.

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Mr. AZHAR (Malaysia) endorsed the Rapporteur's very sensible suggestion.

Mr. GAUCI (Malta) thanked the Rapporteur and the Secretariat for preparing two documents which would be very valuable to the Committee. However, the documents should perhaps be somewhat more concise, with greater emphasis on the technical and legal items. He supported the Rapporteur's suggestion.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Preparatory Committee should adopt the Rapporteur's suggestion, taking into account the Pakistan representative's statement.

It was so decided.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN said that a document concerning the revised cost estimates for the Conference, amounting to $555,000, would be circulated in a day or two and that the Under-Secretary for Conference Services would attend the next meeting of the Committee. He suggested that that meeting should be held on Friday morning, 15 September. The Committee's draft report would be circulated to members at least twenty-four hours before the meeting.

Mr. MIRZA (Pakistan) said that as the cost estimates had been prepared in accordance with the Preparatory Committee's views it was perhaps unnecessary to study them in depth. So far as the Committee's report was concerned, members would undoubtedly need more than twenty-four hours to study it, and it should be circulated as soon as possible. Although he hoped that the report could be considered at a single meeting, provision should perhaps be made for a possible afternoon meeting on Friday, 15 September.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee's officers would meet before the report was submitted to members and that Mr. Nabwera, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, would be in New York on 15 September. Although the cost estimates had been prepared in accordance with the Committee's views, the presence of the Under-Secretary for Conference Services would be useful should any members wish to amend them in any way.

He suggested that the Committee should hold its next meeting on Friday, 15 September, at 10.30 a.m.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.25 a.m.