Preparatory Committee for Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States

ADOPTS RECOMMENDATIONS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY; CONCLUDES WORK

The Preparatory Committee for the Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States,* which was established by the General Assembly last year, concluded its work this morning by adopting its report to the Assembly.

The Committee, which has held 10 meetings between February and September of this year, recommended for the consideration of the forthcoming General Assembly session a draft provisional agenda for the Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States (document A/CONF.35/PC/L.11); and a set of draft rules of procedure (document A/CONF.35/PC/L.12).

The Committee also recommended that the nuclear States be invited to the Conference without the right to vote; that the Conference be held in Geneva from 11 March to 10 April 1968; and that the General Assembly, upon adoption of the Conference agenda, request the Secretary-General to provide adequate pre-Conference documentation.

The Committee took note of the cost estimates of the Conference which would amount to $355,000 (document A/CONF.35/PC/L.4/Rev.1).

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* Members of the Preparatory Committee are Chile, Dahomey, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Spain and the United Republic of Tanzania.
The Committee was set up pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2153 B (XXI) which provides for the convening of a Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States not later than July 1968 to consider how the security of non-nuclear States could best be assured; how non-nuclear States could best co-operate among themselves to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons; and how nuclear devices could be used for exclusively peaceful purposes.

According to the provisions of the same resolution, the President of the General Assembly proposed the composition of the Preparatory Committee and this was approved by the Assembly on 20 December 1966 before it adjourned.

Burudi Nabweré (Kenya) served as Chairman of the Committee, Manuel Aznar (Spain), Vice-Chairman, and Peter S. Lai (Malaysia), Rapporteur.

The Committee also decided this morning to annex to its report two documents pertaining to the preparatory work of the Conference, both prepared by the Rapporteur, Mr. Lai (Malaysia).

One of these (document A/CONF.35/PC/L.14) was entitled "Security guarantees in the context of measures to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons". The other, (document A/CONF.35/PC/L.15) dealt with "the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in the context of measures to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons".

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