

**Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference  
of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of  
the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other  
Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and  
the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof**

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FINAL REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE  
REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON  
THE PROHIBITION OF THE EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
ON THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR AND IN THE  
SUBSOIL THEREOF

I. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

1. Article VII of the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof, which entered into force on 18 May 1972, provides that:

"Five years after the entry into force of this Treaty, a Conference of Parties to the Treaty shall be held at Geneva, Switzerland, in order to review the operation of this Treaty with a view to assuring that the purposes of the preamble and the provisions of the Treaty are being realized. Such review shall take into account any relevant technological developments. The review conference shall determine, in accordance with the views of a majority of those Parties attending, whether and when an additional review conference shall be convened."

2. At its thirtieth session, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolution 3484 (E) XXX. In the Preamble, the General Assembly recalled resolution 2660 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, in which it had commended the Treaty, noted its article VII, and expressed the expectation that the review conference would take place soon after 18 May 1977, the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty. The operative part of resolution 3484 (E) XXX reads as follows:

"1. Notes that after appropriate consultation a preparatory committee of the Parties to the Treaty is to be arranged;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such service, including summary records, as may be required for the review conference and its preparation;

"3. Recalls its expressed hope for the widest possible adherence to the Treaty."

3. The informal consultations took place in New York during November and December 1976. During these consultations general agreement was reached on several basic matters such as time and venue for meetings of the Preparatory Committee and

time for the Review Conference itself, conference services and other assistance by the Secretariat, participation in the Preparatory Committee, and means of notification to States Parties of the session of the Preparatory Committee.

4. The Preparatory Committee held its session at Geneva from 7-11 February 1977. The following States Parties to the Treaty participated in the Preparatory Committee: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian SSR, Canada, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukrainian SSR, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Yugoslavia.

5. At its first meeting, the Preparatory Committee elected Ambassador Eugeniusz Wyzner of Poland as its chairman, and Ambassador Nicolo di Bernardo of Italy and Mr. Jonas Foli of Ghana as vice-chairmen. The Committee later authorized the Bureau to handle technical and other matters in the period before the Review Conference is convened.

6. The Secretary-General of the United Nations was represented at the Preparatory Committee by Mr. Rolf Björnerstedt, Assistant Secretary-General. Ms Amada Segarra served as Secretary of the Committee.

7. The Committee decided at its first meeting to take its decisions by consensus, and to use English, French, Russian and Spanish as official languages. Press Releases were issued at the opening and closing of the session.

8. In the course of its meetings, the Committee covered the following agenda relating to the organization and work of the Conference:

- (a) Draft Rules of Procedure of the Conference
- (b) Composition of the Bureau of the Conference
- (c) Participation in the Conference
- (d) Financing arrangements for the Conference
- (e) Languages, documentation, records, etc., pertaining to the Conference
- (f) Agenda and duration of the Conference
- (g) Programme and procedure for the Review of the Treaty
- (h) Final documents of the Conference.

## II. DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE

9. The Committee had before it the Rules of Procedure of the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which it used as a basis for the development of the draft rules of procedure. During its meetings, the Committee reviewed and revised those rules as it deemed necessary in the light of

the particular requirements for the Review Conference of the Treaty under consideration. The Committee approved draft rules of procedure for the Conference which are attached as Annex I.

### III. COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE

10. The Committee decided that the General Committee would be composed of the President, 16 Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

11. The Committee further decided that the geographical distribution of the above-mentioned posts would be as follows: Africa 4; Asia 4; Latin America 1; Western Europe and Others 6 (including the Depository Government); Eastern Europe 4 (including the Depository Government).

### IV. PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

12. The Committee decided that the Conference would be open to States Parties to the Treaty and, under certain stipulated conditions, to other States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and International Atomic Energy Agency, regional inter-governmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations in accordance with its draft rule of procedure 43, which is contained in Annex I.

13. The Committee also decided that invitations to States which, in accordance with the decision on participation, were entitled to participate in the Conference, as well as to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, should be issued by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee. It was also decided that, for practical reasons, the Governments of States intending to participate in the Conference should be requested to so notify the provisional Secretary-General of the Conference one month before its commencement, that is, by 20 May 1977.

### V. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

14. The Committee decided that the costs of the Review Conference, including the session of the Preparatory Committee, will be met by the States Parties to the Treaty participating in the Review Conference in accordance with the United Nations assessment scale pro-rated to take into account differences between the United Nations membership and the number of States Parties participating in the Conference. States which have signed but not yet ratified the Treaty and which accept the invitation to take part in the Review Conference as provided by Rule 43 will share in the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations scale. For States Parties or signatories which are not members of the United Nations the share will be determined on the basis of the similarly pro-rated scale in force for determining this share in the activities in which they take part. The financial arrangements are found in draft rule of procedure 12 which is contained in Annex I. The Committee also decided to request the Secretariat to provide final estimates of the costs of the Conference to all States Parties to the Treaty before the Conference is convened.

### VI. LANGUAGES, DOCUMENTATION, RECORDS, ETC.

15. The Committee decided that the languages of the Conference would be English, French, Russian and Spanish, as incorporated in draft rules of procedure 37, which is contained in Annex I.

16. The Committee also decided to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prepare certain information papers for those who may be attending the Conference, as follows:

- A. Summary of the negotiations within the CCD (Article by Article) leading to the Treaty
- B. Compilation of official communications with regard to the implementation of the objectives and provisions of the Treaty, which the Secretary-General and the Depositaries may have received
- C. Compilation of papers on technological developments (military as well as peaceful) relevant to the Treaty which Parties may wish to provide, or which are otherwise officially available to the Secretary-General from Governments.

#### VII. AGENDA AND DURATION

17. During the session, the Bureau of the Committee prepared an outline draft agenda for the Conference as a basis for discussion. After consideration of this draft, the Committee approved the draft agenda for the Review Conference which is attached as Annex II.

18. The Committee decided that the dates of the Conference would be 20 June-1 July 1977.

#### VIII. PROGRAMME AND PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF THE TREATY

19. The Committee decided to recommend that the Conference review the operation of the Treaty as provided for in its Article VII.

- A. General Debate
- B. Articles I-XI
- C. Preambular paragraphs and purposes of the Treaty.

The Committee also accepted the principle that the procedure as set out above did not prejudice the sequence in which the provisions of the Treaty would be reviewed.

20. In respect of proposals by States Parties to the Treaty to be considered by the Conference, the Committee decided that any substantial proposal should be submitted to the provisional Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible, at least one month before the Conference starts. This decision is contained in document SBT/P.C.I/CRD.5/Rev.1 attached as Annex III.

#### IX. FINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE

21. The Committee had an exchange of views on the matter of the final document(s) of the Conference, and decided to include an appropriate item in the draft agenda of the Conference.

#### X. PRESS AND PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS

22. The Committee approved certain press and publicity arrangements suggested by the Office of Public Information of the United Nations at Geneva. The arrangements suggested are attached as Annex IV.

XI. APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE

23. Within the context of draft Rule 10, providing for a Secretary-General of the Review Conference, the Committee decided to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the members of the Preparatory Committee, to nominate an official to act on behalf of the Committee as provisional Secretary-General of the Review Conference, the nominee to be confirmed by the Review Conference in accordance with its rules of procedure.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF BACKGROUND PAPER

24. The Committee considered the background paper contained in document SBT/P.C.I/CRD.2, and following comments and suggestions for changes, the Committee decided that it should be distributed to the Parties to the Treaty and its signatories under separate cover.

XIII. ADOPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FINAL REPORT

25. At its last meeting, on 11 February 1977, the Preparatory Committee adopted its final report and decided that the report, together with its Annexes, including the summary records of the Preparatory Committee, would be submitted by the Chairman to the Parties to the Treaty and its signatories and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Acting President

Rule 6

1. If the President is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate a Vice-President to take his place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Voting rights of the President

Rule 7

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote, but shall appoint another member of his delegation to vote in his place.

III. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Composition

Rule 8

1. The General Committee shall be composed of the President of the Conference, who shall preside, 16 Vice-Presidents, the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character.

2. If the President is unable to attend a meeting of the General Committee, he may designate a Vice-President to preside at such meeting and a member of his delegation to take his place. If a Vice-President is unable to attend, he may designate a member of his delegation to take his place. If the Chairman of the Drafting Committee or the Credentials Committee is unable to attend, he may designate the Vice-Chairman to take his place, with the right to vote unless he is of the same delegation as another member of the General Committee.

Functions

Rule 9

The General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Conference and, subject to the decisions of the Conference, shall ensure the co-ordination of its work.

IV. CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

Duties of the Secretary-General of the Conference

Rule 10

1. There shall be a Secretary-General of the Conference. He shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Conference, its committees and other appropriate bodies established under rule 34, and may designate a member of the Secretariat to act in his place at these meetings.

2. The Secretary-General of the Conference shall direct the staff required by the Conference.

Duties of the Secretariat

Rule 11

The Secretariat of the Conference shall, in accordance with these rules:

- (a) interpret speeches made at meetings;
- (b) receive, translate and circulate the documents of the Conference;
- (c) publish and circulate any report of the Conference;
- (d) make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings and summary records of meetings;
- (e) arrange for the custody of the documents of the Conference in the archives of the United Nations and provide authentic copies of these documents to each of the depository Governments, and
- (f) generally perform all other work that the Conference may require.

Costs

Rule 12\*/

The costs of the Review Conference, including the session of the Preparatory Committee, will be met by the States Parties to the Treaty participating in the Review Conference in accordance with the United Nations assessment scale pro-rated to take into account differences between the United Nations membership and the number of States Parties participating in the Conference. States which have signed but not yet ratified the Treaty and which accept the invitation to take part in the Review Conference as provided by Rule 43 will share in the costs to the extent of their respective rates of assessment under the United Nations' scale. For States Parties or signatories which are not members of the United Nations the share will be determined on the basis of the similarly pro-rated scale in force for determining this share in the activities in which they take part.

V. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum

Rule 13

A majority of the States Parties to the Treaty participating in the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

General powers of the President

Rule 14

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Conference; he shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussion, ensure

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\*/ It is understood that all financial arrangements for the Review Conference do not constitute a precedent.

observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, ascertain consensus, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order. The President, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Conference the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each State may speak on a question, the adjournment or the closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Conference.

#### Points of order

##### Rule 15

A representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless over-ruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

#### Speeches

##### Rule 16

1. No one may address the Conference without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 15, 17 and 19-22, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak.

2. Debate shall be confined to the subject under discussion and the President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant thereto.

3. The Conference may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of times the representative of each State may speak on a question; permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour of and to two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. In any event, the President shall limit interventions on procedural questions to a maximum of five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay.

#### Precedence

##### Rule 17

The Chairman of a committee may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusion arrived at by his committee.

Closing of list of speakers

Rule 18

During the course of a debate the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Conference, declare the list closed. When the debate on an item is concluded because there are no more speakers, the President shall declare the debate closed. Such closure shall have the same effect as closure pursuant to rule 22.

Right of reply

Rule 19

Notwithstanding rule 18, the President may accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Conference. Such statements shall be as brief as possible and shall, as a general rule, be delivered at the end of the last meeting of the day.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Rule 20

A representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 23, be immediately put to the vote.

Adjournment of debate

Rule 21

A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour of and to two opposing the adjournment after which the motion shall, subject to rule 23, be immediately put to the vote.

Closure of debate

Rule 22

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 23, be immediately put to the vote.

Order of motions

Rule 23

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

- (a) to suspend the meeting;
- (b) to adjourn the meeting;
- (c) to adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;
- (d) to close the debate on the question under discussion.

Submission of proposals and substantive amendments

Rule 24

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General of the Conference, who shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, proposals and substantive amendments shall be discussed or decided on no earlier than 24 hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Conference to all delegations.

Withdrawal of proposals and motions

Rule 25

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before a decision on it has been taken, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Decision on competence

Rule 26

Any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Conference to adopt a proposal submitted to it, shall be decided upon before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Reconsideration of Proposals

Rule 27

Proposals adopted by consensus may not be reconsidered unless the Conference reaches a consensus on such reconsideration. When a proposal has been adopted or rejected by a majority or two-thirds vote, it may not be reconsidered unless the Conference, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the motion, after which it shall be immediately put to the vote.

VI. VOTING AND ELECTIONS

Adoption of decisions

Rule 28

1. Decisions on matters of procedure and in elections shall be taken by a majority of representatives present and voting.

2. The task of the Review Conference being to review the operation of the Treaty with a view to assuring that the purposes of the preamble and the provisions of the Treaty are being realized, and thus to strengthen its effectiveness, every effort should be made to reach agreement on substantive matters by means of consensus. There should be no voting on such matters until all efforts to achieve consensus have been exhausted.

3. If, notwithstanding the best efforts of delegates to achieve consensus, a matter of substance comes up for voting, the President shall defer the vote for 48 hours and during this period of deferment shall make every effort, with the assistance of the General Committee, to facilitate the achievement of general agreement, and shall report to the Conference prior to the end of the period.

4. If by the end of the period of deferment the Conference has not reached agreement, voting shall take place and decisions shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, providing that such majority shall include at least a majority of the States participating in the Conference.

5. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the President of the Conference shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling shall immediately be put to the vote and the President's ruling shall stand unless the appeal is approved by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

6. In cases where a vote is taken in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 4 above, the relevant rules of procedure relating to voting of the General Assembly of the United Nations shall apply, except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

Voting rights

Rule 29

Every State Party to the Treaty shall have one vote.

Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"

Rule 30

For the purposes of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

Elections

Rule 31

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

Rule 32

1. If, when only one elective place is to be filled, no candidate obtains in the first ballot the majority required, a second ballot shall be taken, confined to the two candidates having obtained the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

2. In the case of a tie in the first ballot among the candidates obtaining the second largest number of votes, a special ballot shall be held among such candidates for the purpose of reducing their number to two; similarly, in the case of a tie among three or more candidates obtaining the largest number of votes, a special ballot shall be held; if a tie again results in the special ballot, the President shall eliminate one candidate by drawing lots and thereafter another ballot shall be held in accordance with paragraph 1.

Rule 33

1. When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot the majority required and the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places, provided that if only one place remains to be filled the procedures in rule 32 shall be applied. The ballot shall be restricted to the unsuccessful candidates having obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, but not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled. However, in the case of a tie between a greater number of unsuccessful candidates a special ballot shall be held for the purpose of reducing the number of candidates to the required number; if a tie again results among more than the required number of candidates, the President shall reduce their number to that required by drawing lots.

3. If such a restricted ballot (not counting a special ballot held under the conditions specified in the last sentence of paragraph 2) is inconclusive, the President shall decide among the candidates by drawing lots.

VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BODIES OF THE CONFERENCE

Rule 34

The Conference may establish appropriate bodies. As a general rule each State Party to the Treaty participating in the Conference may be represented in those bodies unless otherwise decided.

VIII. DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Rule 35

1. The Conference shall establish a Drafting Committee composed of representatives of the same States which are represented on the General Committee. It shall co-ordinate the drafting of and edit all texts referred to it by the

Conference without altering the substance of the texts, and report to the Conference. It shall also, without reopening substantive discussion on any matter, formulate drafts and give advice on drafting as requested by the Conference.

2. Representatives of delegations proposing texts referred to the Drafting Committee in conformity with paragraph 1 of this rule shall be entitled to participate, at their request, in the discussion of those texts in the Drafting Committee.

## IX. OFFICERS AND PROCEDURES

### Rule 36

The rules relating to officers, the Conference Secretariat, conduct of business and voting of the Conference (contained in chapters II (rules 5-7), IV (rules 10-11), V (rules 13-27) and VI (rules 28-33) above) shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of committees and other appropriate bodies, except that:

- (a) unless otherwise decided, any body established under rule 34 shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it may require;
- (b) The Chairman of the General, the Drafting and the Credentials Committee and the chairmen of bodies established under rule 34 may vote in their capacity as representatives of their States;
- (c) a majority of the representatives on the General, Drafting or Credentials Committee shall constitute a quorum; the same may apply to any body established under rule 34 if the Conference so desires.

## X. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

### Languages of the Conference

#### Rule 37

English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the official languages of the Conference.

### Interpretation

#### Rule 38

1. Speeches made in a language of the Conference shall be interpreted into the other languages.

2. A representative may make a speech in a language other than a language of the Conference if he provides for interpretation into one such language. Interpretation into the other languages of the Conference by interpreters of the Secretariat may be based on the interpretation given in the first such language.

Language of official documents

Rule 39

Official documents shall be made available in the languages of the Conference.

Sound recordings of meetings

Rule 40

Sound recordings of meetings of the Conference and of all committees shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any other appropriate body established under rule 34.

Summary records

Rule 41

1. Summary records of the plenary meetings of the Conference shall be prepared by the Secretariat in the languages of the Conference. They shall be distributed in provisional form as soon as possible to all participants in the Conference. Participants in the debate may, within three working days of receipt of provisional summary records, submit corrections on summaries of their own interventions to the Secretariat; in special circumstances, the presiding officer may, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Conference, extend the time for submitting corrections. Any disagreement concerning such corrections shall be decided by the presiding officer of the body to which the record relates, after consulting, where necessary, the sound recordings of the proceedings. Separate corrigenda to provisional records shall not normally be issued.

2. The summary records, with any corrections incorporated, shall be distributed promptly to participants in the Conference.

XI. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

Rule 42

1. The plenary meetings of the Conference shall be held in public unless otherwise decided.

2. Meetings of the Committees and any other appropriate body established under rule 34 shall be held in private.

XII. PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE

Rule 43

1. Signatories

Any State signatory to the Treaty which has not yet ratified it shall be entitled to participate, without taking part in the adoption of decisions, whether by consensus or by vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, subject to prior written

notification to the Secretary-General of the Conference. This means that any of those signatory States shall be entitled to appoint officials to attend meetings of the Plenary; to address such meetings; to receive the documents of the Conference and to submit its views in writing to the Conference, which shall be considered as Conference documents.

2. Observers

Any other State which, in accordance with Article X of the Treaty, has the right to become a Party thereto but which has neither signed nor ratified it may apply to the Secretary-General of the Conference for Observer status, which will be accorded on the decision of the Conference.\*/ Such a State shall be entitled to appoint officials to attend meetings of the Plenary other than those designated closed meetings, and to receive documents of the Conference. An Observer State shall also be entitled to submit documents to the participants in the Conference.

3. The United Nations

The Secretary-General of the United Nations or his representative or representatives shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Plenary and any other appropriate body established under rule 34 and to receive the Conference documents. They shall also be entitled to submit material, both orally and in writing.

4. Specialized Agencies and Regional Intergovernmental Organizations

The specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as regional intergovernmental organizations may apply to the Secretary-General of the Conference for Observer Agency status which will be accorded on the decision of the Conference. An Observer Agency shall be entitled to appoint officials to attend meetings of the Plenary other than those designated closed meetings and to receive the documents of the Conference. The Conference may also invite them to submit, in writing, their views and comments on questions within their competence, which may be circulated as Conference documents.

5. Non-Governmental Organizations

Representatives of non-governmental organizations who attend meetings of the Plenary will be entitled upon request to receive the documents of the Conference.

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\*/ It is understood that any such decision will be in accordance with the practice of the United Nations General Assembly.

ANNEX III

PROPOSAL BY THE NETHERLANDS

The Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty.

Conscious of the short time available for discussion during the Review Conference,

Stressing the need for adequate preparation for the Conference,

Recommends to Governments of States Parties to the Treaty, to submit to the provisional Secretary-General of the Conference any substantial proposal to be considered by the Conference if possible at least one month before the Conference starts,

Asks the provisional Secretary-General of the Conference to distribute such proposals immediately to Governments of States Parties to the Treaty.

ANNEX IV

SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS AND PUBLICITY PREPARED  
BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (GENEVA)

The coverage of the Conference will be as follows: press releases in English and French of plenary meetings for locally accredited correspondents. Releases will be cabled to Headquarters. The Conference should be preceded by a "curtain raiser" at least a week in advance and followed by a closing "round-up" release. The Information Service will also release to the press all other texts on closed meetings, if needed. The Chairman of the Conference or other officers, would be invited to give a formal press conference. Moreover, television, radio and photo coverage will be provided.

The above standard arrangements do not involve any financial implications whatsoever.