

**2005 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON
THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Monday, 2 May 2005, at 10.30 a.m.

Opening of the Conference by the Chairman of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee and submission of the Final Report of the Preparatory Committee to the Conference

Acting President — H.E. Ambassador Sudjadhan Parnohadiningrat

Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me, as Chairman of the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee, to declare open the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The Review Conference has been convened pursuant to article VIII, paragraph 3 of the Treaty and resolution 56/240 of 29 November 2001 of the United Nations General Assembly.

This Review Conference is the seventh Review Conference of the Treaty and the second to be held since May 1995, when States parties adopted decisions on the indefinite extension of the Treaty, on strengthening of its review process and on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, together with a resolution on the Middle East.

The Treaty, which entered into force 35 years ago has played a crucial role in nuclear non-proliferation, nuclear disarmament and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. This Review Conference provides all Parties of the Treaty with an important opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to the Treaty and to the fullest implementation of all its provisions so as to ensure that the Treaty remains the cornerstone of the global nuclear non-proliferation regime.

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Following the practice of previous review conferences, I now wish to introduce the Final Report of the Preparatory Committee (NPT/CONF.2005/1), adopted on 7 May 2004. The Committee held three sessions during the period April 2002 to May 2004. 153 States parties to the Treaty participated in the work of one or more of the sessions of the Preparatory Committee. States not party to the Treaty, specialized agencies and international and regional intergovernmental organizations, as well as representatives of academia and non-governmental organizations, have attended meetings of the Preparatory Committee in accordance with the modalities of attendance agreed by the Committee. At each session of the Preparatory Committee, a meeting was specifically allocated to representatives of non-governmental organizations to address delegations.

The Preparatory Committee was able to agree on a number of issues related to the organization of the Conference, in particular the presidency of the Conference, the draft rules of procedure and the financial arrangements for the Conference. The recommendations on these issues are reflected in the final report of the Committee, which is before you. The Committee was, however, not in a position to agree to a provisional agenda and deferred consideration on a final document or documents to the Review Conference.

Throughout the preparatory process, the Committee devoted most of its meetings to a substantive discussion on all aspects of the Treaty and the three clusters of issues contained in annex VIII to the final report of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2000/1). It also set aside meetings to specifically discuss and consider three specific blocs of issues, such as implementation of article VI of the Treaty and paragraphs 3 and 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, as well as the agreements, conclusions and commitments listed under the section entitled "Article VI and the eighth to twelfth preambular paragraphs" contained in the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference; regional issues, the Middle East, particularly the implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East contained in the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference; and safety and security of peaceful nuclear programmes.

Guided by the provisions of the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference, paragraph 7 of the section entitled "Improving the effectiveness of the strengthened review process for the Treaty", the Chairmen of the first and second sessions of the Committee prepared factual summaries of the consideration of the issues of the Committee, which were annexed to the respective reports of the first and second sessions. At the third session, despite the many proposals put forward by delegations and efforts to

produce a consensus report containing recommendations to the Review Conference, the Committee was not able to reach agreement on any of the substantive recommendations.

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At this stage, it is my privilege and duty to take up a particular issue, namely the recommendation for the office of the President of the Conference.

Election of the President of the Conference

At the third session of the Preparatory Committee, the candidacy of His Excellency Ambassador Sergio de Queiroz Duarte of Brazil was unanimously endorsed. Consequently, the Committee decided to recommend to the 2005 NPT Review Conference the election of Ambassador Duarte as President. I now place the recommendation formally before the Conference for approval.

May I take it that the Conference wishes to elect His Excellency Ambassador Sergio de Queiroz Duarte by acclamation as President of the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons?

It is so decided.

I wish to express my cordial congratulations to His Excellency Ambassador Sergio de Queiroz Duarte and to assure him of my fullest support and cooperation and, I am sure, of all delegations during the Conference. I would now like to invite the President to take his seat on the podium.
