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Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

9-20 January 2006

Draft report

Submitted by the Chairman

I. Introduction

1. At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 59/86 of 3 December 2004, which reads, *inter alia*, as follows:

“The General Assembly,

“...

“1. *Decides* that the United Nations conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects shall be held in New York for a period of two weeks, from 26 June to 7 July 2006;

“2. *Also decides* that the preparatory committee for the conference shall hold a two-week session in New York from 9 to 20 January 2006, and reiterates that, if necessary, a subsequent session of up to two weeks in duration may be held;

...”

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening, the duration and participants of the session

2. The Preparatory Committee held its session at United Nations Headquarters from 9 to 20 January 2006. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, who also made a statement. During the session, the Preparatory Committee held a total of __ formal meetings and __ informal meetings.

3. Saijin Zhang, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, served as Secretary of the Preparatory Committee.

4. The list of participants is contained in document A/CONF.192/2006/INF/2 and the list of non-governmental organizations is contained in document A/CONF.192/2006/PC/INF/1.

B. Officers

5. The Preparatory Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman:

Sylvester Ekundayo Rowe (Sierra Leone)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Dorothea Auer (Austria)
Pedro A. Roa Arboleda (Colombia)
Carlos Fernando Diaz Paniagua (Costa Rica)
Frédéric Bijou (Costa Rica)*
Kari Kahiluoto (Finland)
Michelet Alouidor (Haiti)
Yoshiki Mine (Japan)
Rosita Sortye (Lithuania)
Robert G. Aisi (Papua New Guinea)
Leslie Gatan (Philippines)
Jacek Januchowski (Poland)
Hassan H. Hassan (Sudan)
Roman Hunger (Switzerland)
Richard Nabudere (Uganda)
Serghii Shutenko (Ukraine)
Dominic Hayuma (United Republic of Tanzania)

C. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 1st meeting, on 9 January, the Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda as contained in document A/CONF.192/2006/PC/L.1.

* Replaced Carlos F. Paniagua from 16-20 January.

D. Adoption of the rules of procedure

7. At its 1st meeting, on 9 January, the Preparatory Committee adopted its rules of procedure as contained in document A/CONF.192/L.1.

E. Documentation

8. The documents of the Preparatory Committee are listed in annex ____ to the report.

III. Proceedings of the session

9. At its 1st to 5th meetings, from 9 to 12 January, the Preparatory Committee held the general exchange of views, in which 48 participating States and an observer delivered statements regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

10. The Preparatory Committee also heard statements made by representatives of eight intergovernmental and other organizations at its 5th meeting, on 12 January.

11. At its 5th and 6th meetings on 12 January, statements by representatives of a total of 16 non-governmental organizations were heard.

12. At its 7th to 12th meetings, from 13 to 17 January, the Preparatory Committee held interactive thematic debates on six clusters of issues with members of the Bureau moderating each cluster. The clusters and moderators were as follows: cluster I (Human/humanitarian, socio-economic and other dimensions) moderated by Sylvester Ekundayo Rowe (Sierra Leone) and Serghii Shutenko (Ukraine); cluster II (Norms, regulations and administrative procedures) moderated by Hassan H. Hassan (Sudan) and Jacek Januchowski (Poland); cluster III (Excessive accumulation, misuse and uncontrolled spread) moderated by Roman Hunger (Switzerland) and Pedro A. Roa Arboleda (Colombia); cluster IV (International cooperation and assistance) moderated by Yoshiki Mine (Japan) and Kari Kahiluoto (Finland); cluster V (Communication) moderated by Michelet Aloudior (Haiti) and Leslie Gatan (Philippines); and cluster VI (Follow-up and reporting mechanisms) moderated by Robert G. Aisi (Papua New Guinea) and Rosita Sortye (Lithuania).

13. At its ____th to ____th meetings, from ____ to ____ January, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 11, entitled "Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference".

IV. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

14. At its ____th meeting, on ____ January, the Chairperson introduced the draft report of the Preparatory Committee as contained in document A/CONF.192/2006/PC/L.____.

15. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted its report.

V. Decisions of the Preparatory Committee

16. At its __th meeting, on 20 January, the Preparatory Committee took the following decisions:

[To be added]

VI. Recommendations of the Preparatory Committee to the Conference

17. Also at its __th meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to recommend to the Review Conference the following document(s):

[To be added]

Annex
