

# 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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## Summary record of the 11th meeting

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*President:* Ms. Feroukhi . . . . . (Algeria)

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*The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.*

## **Reports of the Main Committees**

### *Progress reports of the Main Committees*

1. **The President** said that the purpose of the current plenary meeting was to take stock of the progress made to date by the Main Committees and their respective subsidiary bodies. She invited the Chairs of the three Main Committees to inform the Conference of the progress of their work.

2. **Mr. Román-Morey** (Peru), speaking as Chair of Main Committee I, said that the Committee had held five meetings, during which a number of general statements had been heard and specific issues debated; negotiations were ongoing and the Committee was not yet in a position to submit a report. The subsidiary body of the Committee had held four meetings, and it was hoped that it would conclude its discussion at its fifth meeting that morning.

3. **Mr. Istrate** (Romania), speaking as Chair of Main Committee II, said that since the last interim report, the Committee had held its sixth and seventh meetings, during which it had considered the draft report by the Chair, circulated on Friday, 8 May 2015. At the sixth meeting, delegations had exchanged general and specific comments on the draft as a whole, and at its seventh meeting, the Committee had reviewed the report paragraph by paragraph. The subsidiary body of the Committee had held two additional meetings, during which it had addressed various regional issues; it would continue its work with a view to presenting a report to the Committee at the earliest. The remaining time allotted to the Committee would be used to finalize a draft report, which he hoped to submit for consideration, along with the report of the subsidiary body.

4. **Mr. Stuart** (Australia), speaking as the Chair of Main Committee III, said that the Committee had concluded its discussions on issues related to article IV and was working on a proposed draft report. He would circulate the revised draft, which contained language on all the topics assigned to the Committee, for discussion during its meeting that afternoon. Work in the Committee's subsidiary body was nearing conclusion and an initial draft working paper would be discussed at its subsequent meeting. He would work on advancing agreement on outstanding issues and propose texts put forward by States.

5. **Mr. Najafi** (Islamic Republic of Iran), speaking on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty, said that nuclear disarmament was the highest priority of the Group, which had presented over 15 working papers on related issues during the 2015 review cycle, including a draft three-phased, time-bound action plan for 2015-2030 on the total elimination of nuclear weapons, containing concrete nuclear disarmament measures, and a working paper (NPT/CONF.2015/WP.21) containing some 90 substantive recommendations for incorporation into the final document of the 2015 Review Conference. From the beginning of the Conference, the Group had made it clear that it would call for concrete decisions on nuclear disarmament and had vigorously pursued that goal through its positions and recommendations in all meetings of the Main Committees and the subsidiary bodies.

6. While it was understandably difficult to reflect all divergent views in documents that should be adopted by consensus, all issues and recommendations presented by groups and delegations should be accorded equal treatment. At the same time, given the lack of progress in fulfilling nuclear disarmament obligations and commitments, and the urgency of taking practical measures for the full, effective and urgent implementation of article VI of the Treaty, nuclear disarmament should be the primary focus. It was the principal concern of the wider international community, as reflected in the statements and recommendations of the overwhelming majority of the States parties. An outcome document that was merely symbolic and lacked substantive and practical recommendations to achieve the objectives of the Treaty, in particular on such important issues as nuclear disarmament, would be counterproductive.

7. Delegations should therefore work together to achieve real progress by agreeing on a comprehensive, balanced and practical substantive outcome document, containing, in particular clear time-bound undertakings by nuclear-weapon States to eliminate all their nuclear weapons and related delivery systems and infrastructure. While the Group assured the Committee of its full support and cooperation, it expected its voice to be heard appropriately and its relevant recommendations on nuclear disarmament to be taken into account duly and proportionately.

8. **Mr. Benitez** (Cuba), expressing his delegation's concern with regard to discussions on disarmament in Main Committee I and its subsidiary body, said that it was an absolute priority for the Conference to arrive at

agreements that would enable tangible progress towards disarmament. It was widely acknowledged that since the 2010 Review Conference, disarmament was the pillar under which there had been the least progress. Cuba could not accept a final document that contained substantive recommendations on non-proliferation and the peaceful use of nuclear energy but not on disarmament. He hoped that sufficient time would be accorded to the issue when the Drafting Committee began its work. He called on all delegations to work constructively in the remaining time, as it was the responsibility of all States parties to ensure a tangible outcome for the current Review Conference.

9. **Mr. Badr** (Egypt) said that his delegation was concerned that the draft reports that had been presented did not adequately reflect the positions of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties, which represented a majority of the States parties. He hoped that the present Review Conference would produce clear and well-defined steps towards disarmament and other goals, rather than being a repeat of previous Review Conferences.

10. **The President** said that the draft texts that had been presented so far had resulted in a considerable number of proposals for amendments from groups and delegations. She was heartened by the amount and solemnity of work taking place and encouraged all participants to continue working in the expectation that the Main Committees would produce reports with agreed material that would enable the Drafting Committee to commence work early the following week. She would continue to consult and to facilitate and assist in the deliberations.

*The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.*