

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with the decision taken at the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the second session of the Preparatory Committee was held in Geneva from 22 April to 3 May 2013.
2. The second session of the Preparatory Committee was opened on 22 April by Peter Woolcott (Australia), Chair of the first session of the Committee.
3. At its 1st meeting, on 22 April, the Preparatory Committee elected Cornel Feruta (Romania) by acclamation to serve as Chair of the second session.
4. Also at the 1st meeting, the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Angela Kane, delivered a statement.
5. The following 111 States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons participated in the work of the Preparatory Committee at its second session: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia and Zimbabwe. On 29 April, the representative of Egypt announced that Egypt would not participate in the remainder of the session.



6. The Preparatory Committee held 17 meetings, of which summary records were provided for the opening meeting (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/SR.1), the general debate (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/SR.1-4 and 6) and the closing meeting (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/SR.17), in accordance with a decision of the Preparatory Committee. The summary records are issued separately from the present report.

7. Valère Mantels, Senior Political Officer, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (Nuclear Weapons), Office for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Preparatory Committee. Christophe Carle, Director General's Office for Policy, International Atomic Energy Agency, represented the Agency.

II. Substantive and procedural issues

A. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee

8. The Preparatory Committee continued to conduct its work on the basis of the agenda (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/3) adopted at its first session, in 2012, which reads as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. General debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee.
5. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
6. Preparatory work for the review of the operation of the Treaty in accordance with article VIII, paragraph 3, of the Treaty, in particular, consideration of principles, objectives and ways to promote the full implementation of the Treaty, as well as its universality, including specific matters of substance related to the implementation of the Treaty and Decisions 1 and 2, as well as the resolution on the Middle East, adopted in 1995; the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference; and the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions adopted at the 2010 Review Conference.
7. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee:
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Dates and venues for further sessions;
 - (c) Methods of work:
 - (i) Decision-making;
 - (ii) Participation;
 - (iii) Working languages;
 - (iv) Records and documents.

8. Report on the results of the session to the next session of the Preparatory Committee.
 9. Organization of the 2015 Review Conference:
 - (a) Dates and venue;
 - (b) Draft rules of procedure;
 - (c) Election of the President and other officers;
 - (d) Appointment of the Secretary-General;
 - (e) Provisional agenda;
 - (f) Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee;
 - (g) Background documentation;
 - (h) Final document(s).
 10. Adoption of the final report and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee to the Review Conference.
 11. Any other matters.
9. At its 1st meeting, on 22 April, the Preparatory Committee took note of the indicative timetable (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/INF/3).
10. In the course of the discussion on the organization of work of the Preparatory Committee (agenda item 7), the following decisions were taken:

(a) Election of officers

At its 1st meeting, on 22 April, the Preparatory Committee elected Enrique Román-Morey (Peru) to serve as Chair of its third session.

(b) Dates and venues for further sessions

Also at its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to hold its third session in New York from 28 April to 9 May 2014.

(c) Methods of work

(ii) Participation

Pursuant to the relevant rules of procedure and the decision taken at its first session, the Preparatory Committee took note of the requests from specialized agencies, international and regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to attend its meetings as observers. In terms of rule 44, the State of Palestine participated in the work of the Committee as an observer.

The following specialized agencies and international and regional intergovernmental organizations were represented as observers at the meetings of the Preparatory Committee: the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, the European Union, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Arab States, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the

Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

Furthermore, representatives of 53 non-governmental organizations (see NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/INF/5) attended the meetings of the Committee.

11. The Preparatory Committee set aside five meetings for a general debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee (agenda item 4), in the course of which 75 statements were made. The statements are reflected in the summary records of those meetings (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/SR.1-4 and 6).

12. At its 5th meeting, on 24 April, the Preparatory Committee heard 10 statements by non-governmental organizations.

13. The Preparatory Committee held a total of 11 meetings for a substantive discussion under agenda item 6.

14. The discussion was structured according to the indicative timetable (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/INF/3), which provided equal time for the consideration of three clusters of issues and three specific blocs of issues.

15. The Preparatory Committee considered the following three clusters of issues based on the allocation of items to the Main Committees of the 2010 Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2010/1, annex V):

(a) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security (articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3; article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12); security assurances (Security Council resolutions 255 (1968) and 984 (1995); effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons);

(b) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, safeguards and nuclear-weapon-free zones (article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7; articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3 in their relationship to articles III and IV; article VII);

(c) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the inalienable right of all parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II (articles III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5; article V); other provisions of the Treaty.

16. The Preparatory Committee considered the following three specific blocs of issues:

(a) Nuclear disarmament and security assurances;

(b) Regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and the implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East;

(c) Peaceful uses of nuclear energy and other provisions of the Treaty; and improving the effectiveness of the strengthened review process.

17. In accordance with paragraph 7 (b) of section IV, “The Middle East, particularly implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East”, of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions adopted at the 2010 Review Conference, Jaakko Laajava (Finland), the facilitator appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the co-sponsors of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East, in consultation with the States of the region, delivered a report (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/10) to the Preparatory Committee at its 11th meeting.

B. Organization of the 2015 Review Conference

18. In the course of the discussion on the organization of the 2015 Review Conference (agenda item 9), the following actions were taken:

(a) Dates and venue

At its 1st meeting, on 22 April, the Preparatory Committee decided to hold the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in New York from 27 April to 22 May 2015.

(f) Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee

In response to a request made by the Preparatory Committee at its first session, the Secretariat provided the Committee with an estimate of the costs of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, including its Preparatory Committee (see NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/2). These costs are based on the estimated number of documents to be produced at the Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee. Taking into consideration the actual documentation costs of the first and second sessions of the Preparatory Committee, the Secretariat will issue revised cost estimates before the third session of the Committee.

C. Documentation

19. During the session, the Preparatory Committee had before it the following documents:

NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/1	Implementation of the 2010 Review Conference conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions: report submitted by Austria
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/2	Estimated cost of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: note by the Secretariat
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/3	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Switzerland
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/4	Report submitted by New Zealand

NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/5	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East: report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran pursuant to paragraph 9 of section IV of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions adopted at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/6	Implementation of article VI: report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/7	Joint Statement of Fourth P5 Conference: on the way to the 2015 NPT Review Conference, Geneva, 18-19 April 2013
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/8	Report submitted by Canada on steps to promote the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East and the realization of the goals and objectives of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/9	Report submitted by Canada on its implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/10	Report by the Facilitator to the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/11	Financial report
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.1	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.2	Export controls: working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.3	Non-strategic nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.4	Reduced role of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.5	Compliance and verification: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten)
NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.6	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten)

- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.7 Export controls: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten)
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.8 Nuclear safety: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten)
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.9 Nuclear security: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten)
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.10 Cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten)
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.11 and Rev.1 and 2 Enhancing international partnerships to prevent nuclear terrorism: a new dimension of non-proliferation: working paper submitted by Morocco, Netherlands and Spain
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.12 and Rev.1 Disarmament and non-proliferation education: working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.13 and Rev.1 Fissile material cut-off treaty: provisions regarding implementation of the treaty over time: duration, entry into force and withdrawal: working paper submitted by Canada and Spain
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.14 Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.15 Security assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.16 The inalienable right to develop research, production and uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.17 Nuclear testing: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.18 Safeguards: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.19 Verification: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.20 Nuclear-weapon-free zones: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.21 Priority issues for discussion and progress with regard to the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-up actions of the 2010 Review Conference (2010 action plan): working paper submitted by the European Union
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.22 Nuclear-weapon-free zones: working paper submitted by Mongolia
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.23 Wider application of safeguards in the nuclear-weapon States: working paper submitted by members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.24 Nuclear-weapon-free zones and negative security assurances: working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.25 Procedures in relation to exports of nuclear materials and certain categories of equipment and material in relation to article III (2) of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America, as members of the Zangger Committee
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.26 Applying the principle of transparency in nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by Brazil on behalf of Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and South Africa, as members of the New Agenda Coalition
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.27 Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by Brazil on behalf of Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and South Africa, as members of the New Agenda Coalition
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.28 Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by China
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.29 Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by China
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.30 Nuclear-weapon-free zones and nuclear issues in the Middle East: working paper submitted by China
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.31 Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by China

- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.32 Giving greater effect to the principle of irreversibility at the 2015 Review Conference: working paper submitted by Switzerland
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.33 International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards: strengthening cooperation between the Agency and State or regional systems of accounting for and control of nuclear material: working paper submitted by Switzerland
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.34 Implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East: working paper submitted by Tunisia on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.35 Non-compliance with articles I, III, IV and VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.36 Non-proliferation in all its aspects: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.37 Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.38 Security assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.39 The inalienable right to develop, research, production and uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.40 Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by Tunisia on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.41 Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by Tunisia on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.42 Regional issues: Middle East: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.43 Implementing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by the United States of America
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.44 Disarmament: working paper submitted by the United States of America
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.45 Implementing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: nuclear non-proliferation: working paper submitted by the United States of America
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.46 Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic
- NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.47 Actions taken by France in support of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Action Plan on Nuclear Safety: working paper submitted by France

NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/WP.48	Peaceful uses: growth in nuclear energy and the demand for specialist skills: working paper submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
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NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants

20. A list of participants in the second session of the Preparatory Committee, including States parties, observers, specialized agencies and international and regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, is contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.II/INF/7/Rev.1.
