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REPORT OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS HELD AT THE
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

1. In conformity with the practice followed at United Nations special conferences and General Assembly resolutions 45/129 and 46/98 and as recommended in resolution 39/1 of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference, pre-Conference consultations were held on 2 and 3 September 1995 at the Beijing International Convention Centre, China. Participation in the consultations was open to representatives of all States invited to participate in the Conference.

A. Opening of the pre-Conference consultations

2. The Secretary-General of the Conference opened the meeting.

B. Election of the Presiding Officer of the pre-Conference consultations

3. Upon the proposal of the Secretary-General of the Conference, His Excellency Mr. Li Zhaoxing, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, was elected Chairman of the pre-Conference consultations by acclamation.

C. Adoption of the rules of procedure

4. At the 1st meeting, on 2 September, it was recommended that the Conference adopt the provisional rules of procedure as contained in document A/CONF.177/2.

D. Adoption of the agenda

5. At the 1st meeting, on 2 September, it was recommended that the Conference adopt the provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.177/1.

E. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference

6. At the 1st meeting, on 2 September, it was recommended that the Conference elect, by consensus, Her Excellency Madame Chen Muhua, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, as President of the Conference.

7. At the same meeting, it was recommended that the Conference elect, by consensus, His Excellency Mr. Li Zhaoxing, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, as Vice-President ex-officio of the Conference.

8. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of Senegal, on behalf of the African States, it was recommended that the following seven African States be elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Botswana, Congo, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal and Sudan.

9. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of Malta, on behalf of the Western European and other States, it was recommended that the following six Western European and other States be elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Australia, Greece, New Zealand, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

10. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of Senegal, on behalf of the African States, it was recommended that Her Excellency Mrs. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (Namibia) be elected, by acclamation, Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

11. Also at the same meeting, it was recommended that Her Excellency Ms. Patricia B. Licuanan (Philippines) be elected, by acclamation, Chairperson of the Main Committee.

12. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 September, it was recommended that the election of the six Vice-Presidents from the Asian States be deferred to the Conference.

13. At the same meeting, it was recommended that the election of the three Vice-Presidents from the Eastern European States be deferred to the Conference.

14. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of Barbados, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States, it was recommended that the following five Latin American and Caribbean States be elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the Conference: Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba and Panama.

F. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee

15. At the 1st meeting, on 2 September, it was recommended that the Conference approve the organization of work as contained in document A/CONF.177/3.

16. It was also recommended that the Conference endorse the recommendations relating to the allocation of items, time-limits for speakers and other organizational matters during the general debate, as set out in document A/CONF.177/3.

17. It was further recommended that the Conference approve the proposed timetable for the work of the Conference and the organization of meetings, including the work of the two working groups of the Main Committee, as contained in the annex to document A/CONF.177/3, with the proviso that the organization of work of the Main Committee would be adjusted as required.

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 September, it was agreed that the report on the informal consultations convened by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women (A/CONF.177/L.3) should be transmitted to the Conference for its consideration.

G. Credentials of representatives of the Conference: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

19. At the 1st meeting, on 2 September, on the proposal of the Chairman, it was recommended that a Credentials Committee of nine members be appointed at the beginning of the Conference, its composition to be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-ninth session. In this connection, it was recommended that the members of the Credentials Committee be China, Fiji, Honduras, Namibia, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Suriname, Togo and the United States of America, on the understanding that, if one of those States did not participate in the Conference, it would be replaced by another State from the same regional group.

H. Report of the Conference

20. At the 1st meeting, on 2 September, it was recommended that the Conference take note of the recommendations regarding the report of the Conference contained in paragraph 19 of document A/CONF.177/3.
