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RECORD OF DECISION

At the second meeting of the Committee on 10 July 1979, the following decisions were taken:

1. The Committee decided to make every effort to adopt its decisions by consensus.
2. The Committee ratified its decision of 9 July 1979 concerning the participation of States signatories of the Convention on Biological Weapons in the work of the Committee.
3. The Committee decided that its working languages would be English, French, Russian and Spanish.
4. The Committee decided not to have summary records and to have only records of decisions.
5. The Committee decided that a press release should be prepared at the conclusion of its session. In addition, it agreed that at that time the Chairman would give a press conference.
6. The Committee agreed, in principle, that the Review Conference should be held from 3 to 21 March 1980. Bearing in mind the provisions of Article XII of the Convention, the Committee decided to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to notify State Parties to the Convention of the dates agreed in the Committee and to ask for their views on the dates. It was understood that the Secretary-General would convey the views expressed by State Parties to the Depositary Governments.
7. The Committee agreed that the Review Conference would adopt a Final Document that would be declaratory in purpose.
8. The Committee agreed that in view of its importance, the Review Conference merited full publicity and press coverage. In particular, it decided that at the end of every open meeting a press release should be issued.