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RECORD OF DECISION

At its third meeting on 11 July 1979, the Committee considered the rules of procedure that it would recommend for the Review Conference. The Committee agreed to the rules contained in document BWC/CONF.I/PC/2 with the following changes:

1. In the heading of Rule 1, the word "Treaty" was replaced by the word "Convention".
2. A footnote was added to Rule 12 reading as follows:
"It is understood that all financial arrangements for the Review Conference do not constitute a precedent."
3. Addition of a new paragraph to Rule 35 as follows:
"Representatives of other delegations may also attend the meetings of the Drafting Committee and may participate in its deliberations when matters of particular concern to them are under discussion."
4. The second sentence in Rule 43(1) was amended as follows:
"... this means that any of those signatory States shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Conference; to address Plenary meetings; to receive documents of the Conference and to submit its views in writing to the Conference, which shall be considered as Conference documents."
5. Rule 43(4) was amended as follows:
"The specialized agencies as well as regional intergovernmental organizations may apply to the Secretary-General of the Conference for Observer Agency status which will be accorded on the decision of the Conference. An Observer Agency shall be entitled to appoint officials to attend meetings of the Plenary other than those designated closed meetings and to receive the documents of the Conference. The Conference may also invite them to submit, in writing, their views and comments on questions within their competence, which may be circulated as Conference documents."