
Report of the Drafting Committee

1. At its first plenary meeting, the Review Conference decided, in accordance with rule 36 of its Rules of Procedure, to establish a Drafting Committee to coordinate the drafting of and edit all texts referred to it by the Conference. The Drafting Committee was entrusted also with the task of formulating drafts and giving advice on drafting as requested by the Conference.

2. At its third plenary meeting on 10 September, the Conference elected by acclamation Ambassador Tibor Tóth (Hungary) as Chairman of the Drafting Committee, and Ambassador E.A. Azikiwe (Nigeria) as Vice-Chairman.

3. At its fifth plenary meeting on 12 September, the Conference, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided that the Drafting Committee should undertake the task of preparing and submitting to the plenary the draft Final Document of the Conference, including the Final Declaration.

4. The Drafting Committee held 11 meetings during the period from 19 to 26 September 1991. In addition, the Committee held a series of informal consultations during that period. Ambassador H. Wagenmakers (Netherlands), at the request of the Chairman, coordinated consultations on intersessional activities. Mr. F. Calderón (Peru), acting as Friend of the Chairman, coordinated technical consultations on the issue of confidence-building measures. Mr. S. Gizowski (Poland), acting as the focal point for verification issues, coordinated consultations on this matter.

5. At its first meeting on 19 September, at the suggestion of the Chairman, the Drafting Committee decided to use as a basis for its work the paper prepared by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, at his own responsibility, entitled "Possible Framework for Structuring the Proposals Pertaining to Articles I to XV", which was annexed to the report of the Committee of the Whole (BWC/CONF.III/17, Annex II).

6. At its 11th and final meeting on 26 September, the Committee adopted its report, annexed to which is the draft Final Document of the Conference. (See BWC/CONF.III/DC/CRP.2 and 3 and 3/Add.1).

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