Draft Report of Main Committee III

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1. Under rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference established Main Committee III as one of its three Main Committees and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see document NPT/CONF.2010/1).

Item 16. Review of the operation of the Treaty, as provided for in its article VIII (3), taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference:

(d) 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:

(i) 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;

(ii) Article V;

(e) Other provisions of the Treaty.

Item 17. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality.

2. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference also approved the establishment of Subsidiary Body 3 under Main Committee III to address agenda item 16 (e), "Other provisions of the Treaty". Additionally, the Conference decided that institutional issues also would be considered by subsidiary body 3. The Conference decided that the subsidiary body would be open-ended and that the
meetings of the subsidiary body would be held in private. It further decided that subsidiary body 3 would hold meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committee.

**Officers of the Committee**

3. The Conference elected Ambassador Takeshi Nakane (Japan) as the Chairman of the Committee; Ambassador Atilla Zimonyi (Hungary) and Ambassador Alfredo Labbé (Chile) served as Vice-Chairmen.

4. Subsidiary Body 3 was chaired by Ambassador José Luis Cancela (Uruguay).

**Documents before Main Committee III**

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

   (a) **Background and conference papers**

   NPT/CONF.2010/WP.1 Multilateral nuclear supply principles of the Zangger Committee submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee

   NPT/CONF.2010/WP.2 Working paper prepared by Ukraine and the Russian Federation regarding recommendations on the procedures for, and consequences of, possible exercise by a State of the right to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

   NPT/CONF.2010/WP.3 Repatriation of all Russian-origin fresh highly enriched uranium as well as spent fuel from Romania: Working paper submitted by Romania and the Russian Federation

   NPT/CONF.2010/WP.5/Rev.1 Proposed elements by for a final document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards: Working paper submitted by Japan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Finland,
France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Uruguay

NPT/CONF.2010/WP.7

Multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle: Working paper submitted by Sweden

NPT/CONF.2010/WP.13

Proposed elements for the final document of the 2010 Review Conference on strengthening the technical cooperation activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency submitted by Japan

NPT/CONF.2010/WP.15

Articles III (3) and IV, and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to Article III (1), (2) and (4) and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs (nuclear safety): Working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")

NPT/CONF.2010/WP.18

Articles III (3) and IV, and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to Article III (1), (2) and (4), and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs (approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle): Working paper by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")

NPT/CONF.2010/WP.19

Articles III (3) and IV, and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to Article III (1), (2) and (4) and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs (cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy): Working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")

NPT/CONF.2010/WP.20

Article III and the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs, especially in their relationship to article IV and the sixth and seventh preambular paragraphs (physical protection and illicit trafficking): Working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")
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<td>Note verbale dated 17 May 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference.</td>
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(b) **Documents submitted to Main Committee III**

- NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/INF/1 Draft programme of work: 10-28 May 2010 - Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body III
- NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.1 Draft indicative timetable: Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body III
- NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.2 Report of Main Committee III: Chairman’s Draft on Substantive Elements
- NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.3 Report of Main Committee III: Revised Chairman’s Draft on Substantive Elements
- NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/CRP.4 Chairman’s Revised Draft Report of Main Committee III

(d) **Documents submitted to Subsidiary Body III**

- NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.1 and Rev.1 Revised draft report of Subsidiary Body III

**Work of the Committee**

6. The Committee held [10] meetings and the subsidiary body held [4] meetings between 10 and 24 May 2010. An account of the discussions is contained in the relevant summary records (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.III/SR....). Subsidiary Body 3 held [4] meetings between [11] and [24] May. As the meetings of Subsidiary Body 3 were closed meetings, there are no official records of those meetings. [Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body 3 also held informal meetings and consultations during that period.] The Chairman of Main Committee III was assisted by the Vice-
Chairmen in coordinating the informal consultations convened to examine various proposals and documents submitted to the Committee. After an item-by-item consideration of the agenda items allocated to it, the Committee, both at its formal and informal meetings, proceeded to a detailed discussion of the proposals and documents before it; the results of the discussions are outlined in paragraph 7 below. The various views expressed and proposals made are reflected in the summary records of the Committee and in the working papers submitted to it. Those summary records and working papers form an integral part of the report of the Committee to the Conference.