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Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation
in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy on its fifth
session, held at the Vienna International Centre from
25 June to 6 July 1984

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In its resolution 35/112 of 5 December 1980, the General Assembly decided to convene a United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy in accordance with the objectives of its resolution 32/50 of 8 December 1977. The Assembly also decided to establish a Preparatory Committee for the Conference and requested the President of the Assembly to appoint the members of the Committee, in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical representation.
2. In its resolution 36/78 of 9 December 1981, the General Assembly decided that the Conference would be held at Geneva from 29 August to 9 September 1983 and considered that the outcome of the Conference should be embodied in appropriate documents, in a suitable format, pertaining, inter alia, to ways and means of promoting international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Assembly also urged all States to contribute to the successful preparation of the Conference by, inter alia, making available, in conformity with international obligations, information on their scientific and technological achievements and practical experiences in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. In the same resolution, the Assembly also invited the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), specialized agencies and other relevant organizations in the United Nations system to contribute effectively to the preparations for the Conference.
3. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 37/167 of 17 December 1982, expressed concern at the lack of progress and recognized the pressing need to speed up and complete substantive preparations for the Conference, its provisional agenda, its documentation and its rules of procedure. The Assembly requested the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference to make appropriate arrangements, including as necessary through intersessional work by States members of the Committee under the guidance of its Chairman and also through regional efforts and appropriate public information activities, with a view to ensuring meaningful results from the Conference. In the same resolution, the Assembly decided to take suitable decisions with regard to the date of the Conference in the light of the results of the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee.
4. At the same session, the General Assembly, in its decision 37/453 of 10 May 1983, decided, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee, not to convene the Conference in 1983. Furthermore, in its decision 37/454 of 10 May 1983, the Assembly took note of the Committee's decision 1/ that the Conference secretariat should proceed as far as practicable with the preparations for the Conference in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Assembly.
5. At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 38/60 of 14 December 1983, decided that the Conference should be held in 1986. The Assembly also requested the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference to undertake immediately appropriate consultations with Member States which could facilitate the resolution of pending issues related to the Conference, including its provisional agenda and rules of procedure, as well as to the venue and the actual dates of the Conference, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its fifth session. The Assembly noted with appreciation that the Conference secretariat was proceeding with the preparations for the Conference and requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue those

preparations. The Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee would hold its fifth session at Vienna in June 1984 in order to complete its work on an agreed agenda as well as on other outstanding issues related to the Conference. The Preparatory Committee was requested to submit a report to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session so that it might consider, in the light of that report, the venue and actual dates for the Conference in 1986, as also for further meetings of the Committee.

6. The Preparatory Committee held its first three sessions at Vienna from 3 to 7 August 1981, 21 to 30 June 1982 and 27 October to 2 November 1982, respectively. It held its fourth session in New York from 28 March to 8 April 1983. 2/

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE FIFTH SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

7. At its fifth session, the Committee held 19 meetings (35th to 53rd meetings) from 25 June to 6 July 1984. A number of informal meetings were also held during the session.

B. Membership and attendance

8. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 35/112 of 5 December 1980 and 36/78 of 9 December 1981, the following 66 Member States have been appointed by the President of the Assembly as members of the Preparatory Committee:

Algeria	Japan
Argentina	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Australia	Malaysia
Austria	Mauritania
Belgium	Mexico
Brazil	Morocco
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Niger
Cameroon	Nigeria
Canada	Norway
Chile	Pakistan
China	Peru
Colombia	Philippines
Costa Rica	Poland
Cuba	Romania
Czechoslovakia	Saudi Arabia
Denmark	Senegal
Ecuador	Spain
Egypt	Sri Lanka
Finland	Sweden
France	Syrian Arab Republic
German Democratic Republic	Thailand
Germany, Federal Republic of	Turkey
Ghana	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Greece	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Guatemala	United Arab Emirates
Hungary	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
India	United States of America
Indonesia	Uruguay
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Venezuela
Iraq	Yugoslavia
Ireland	Zaire
Italy	
Ivory Coast	

9. The following members of the Committee were represented at its fifth session:

Algeria	Japan
Argentina	Malaysia
Australia	Mexico
Austria	Morocco
Belgium	Netherlands
Brazil	Nigeria
Bulgaria	Norway
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Pakistan
Canada	Peru
Chile	Philippines
China	Poland
Colombia	Romania
Cuba	Saudi Arabia
Czechoslovakia	Senegal
Denmark	Spain
Ecuador	Sri Lanka
Egypt	Sweden
Finland	Syrian Arab Republic
France	Thailand
German Democratic Republic	Turkey
Germany, Federal Republic of	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Greece	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Hungary	United Arab Emirates
India	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Indonesia	United States of America
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Uruguay
Iraq	Venezuela
Ireland	Yugoslavia
Italy	
Ivory Coast	

10. The following States also participated as observers at the fifth session:

Lebanon
Paraguay
Tunisia

11. The following non-member States were represented at the fifth session:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Republic of Korea
Switzerland

12. The following specialized agencies were represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

13. The International Atomic Energy Agency was also represented.

14. The following United Nations bodies were represented:

Economic Commission for Europe
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Economic Commission for Latin America
Economic Commission for Africa
Economic Commission for Western Asia
United Nations Industrial Development Organization
United Nations Environment Programme

15. The following intergovernmental organizations were also represented:

Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee
Commission of the European Communities
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
World Energy Conference

C. Officers of the Committee

16. At its 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th and 17th meetings, on 3, 4 and 5 August 1981 and 21 and 30 June 1982, the Preparatory Committee elected the following officers to serve during the preparatory process:

Chairman: Mr. Novak Pribicević (Yugoslavia)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. F. K. A. Allotey (Ghana)
Mr. Essam El-Din Hawas (Egypt)
Mr. Suror Merza Mahmoud (Iraq)
Mr. Frans J. A. Terwisscha van Scheltinga (Netherlands)

17. At its 35th meeting, on 25 June 1984, the Preparatory Committee elected the following officers nominated by five Governments to replace their previous nominees on the Bureau of the Committee:

Vice-Chairmen:

Argentina:	Mr. Juan Carlos Beltramino	to replace Mr. L. A. Olivieri
Peru:	Mr. Jorge Voto Bernales	to replace Mr. A. Arzubiaga Rospigliosi
Czechoslovakia:	Mr. Zdenek Kamis	to replace Mr. M. Opit
Sweden:	Mr. Johan Nordenfelt	to replace Mr. B. Skala

Rapporteur:

Indonesia:	Mr. Enny Soeprapto	to replace Mr. D. Aman
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D. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

18. At its 35th meeting, on 25 June 1984, the Committee adopted the following agenda for the session, as contained in document A/CONF.108/PC/10:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
2. Draft provisional agenda for the Conference
3. Draft rules of procedure for the Conference
4. Preparations for the Conference and documentation: report of the Secretary-General
5. Venue and actual dates of the Conference in 1986 and for further meetings of the Preparatory Committee and provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Preparatory Committee
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

19. The Committee also adopted its organization of work, as contained in document A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.2.

E. Documentation

20. The documents before the Committee are shown in annex IV.

F. Adoption of the report

21. At its 53rd meeting, on 6 July 1984, the Preparatory Committee adopted the report of its work at its fifth session (A/CONF.108/PC/L.6 and addenda), as orally amended.

III. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AT ITS FIFTH SESSION

A. Draft provisional agenda for the Conference (agenda item 2)

22. The Committee considered this item at its 35th to 37th meetings, on 25 and 26 June 1984.

23. The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Conference and himself on the consultations they had jointly undertaken with Member States relating to the agenda of the Conference and the decision-making process, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 38/60 (see annex II).

24. The Committee decided that item 5 of the provisional agenda for the Conference should read as follows:

"Principles universally acceptable for international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and appropriate ways and means for the promotion of such co-operation, as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 32/50, and in accordance with mutually acceptable considerations of non-proliferation".

25. The Committee decided to recommend the following provisional agenda for adoption by the Conference:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President of the Conference.
3. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work;
 - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
 - (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
 - (i) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (ii) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. General debate.
5. Principles universally acceptable for international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and appropriate ways and means for the promotion of such co-operation, as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 32/50, and in accordance with mutually acceptable considerations of non-proliferation.

6. Role of nuclear power for social and economic development.
7. Role of other peaceful applications of nuclear energy, such as food and agriculture, health and medicine, hydrology, industry etc., for social and economic development.
8. Adoption of concluding document(s).
9. Closure of the Conference.

26. In connection with item 5 of the provisional agenda for the Conference, the Committee decided to incorporate in its report the following:

"Without prejudice to the rules of procedure of the Conference and without setting a precedent, an understanding has been reached in the Preparatory Committee that decisions in the Conference relating to the substance of item 5 shall be adopted by consensus. Further, it has been agreed that at the opening session of the Conference, prior to the adoption of the agenda for the Conference, the President of the Conference shall make a statement reaffirming this understanding."

27. The efforts by the Chairman of the Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference in conducting the informal consultations prior to the fifth session of the Preparatory Committee were praised by the Committee. Tribute was paid to these efforts which contributed, together with the constructive spirit of co-operation which prevailed before and during the session, to the fruitful outcome reflected in the preceding paragraphs. It was recognized that the agreement referred to in paragraphs 24 to 26 above, although not considered entirely satisfactory by some delegations, represented a realistic compromise and that the same spirit of realism, objectivity and mutual co-operation and understanding should be maintained during the Conference to ensure the success of the Conference and meaningful results from it in fulfilment of its aims and objectives.

B. Draft rules of procedure for the Conference
(agenda item 3)

28. The Committee considered this item at its 35th to 42nd meetings, from 25 to 29 June 1984. It had before it a note by the secretariat on the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC.5) and a note by the Secretariat on the draft rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/3/CRP.1).

29. The Committee approved the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference as a whole (document A/CONF.108/PC.5), on the understanding that two specific questions contained in rule 6 and paragraph 1 of rule 50 (Records of meetings) (see rule 51 of annex I to the present report) would be considered at its next session (see annex I).

30. During the discussion of rule 50 of the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference (see rule 51 of annex I to the present report), one delegation, supported by others, proposed that the Committee, in view of the special historic nature of the Conference and the high expectations from it, recommend to the General Assembly to provide summary records for the work of the Conference's two

main committees and the plenary, or at least for the work of the main committee considering item 5 of the agenda of the Conference, as contained in paragraph 25 above, where the need may arise in the future to go back to the records.

31. The Secretary of the Committee brought to the Committee's attention General Assembly resolution 36/117 of 10 December 1981, entitled "Pattern of conferences", and particularly resolution 36/117 D, entitled "Control and limitation of documentation for special conferences", as well as paragraph 2 of the annex to resolution 36/117.

32. Some delegations expressed the view that summary records should not be provided for the Conference, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/117.

33. The Committee agreed to take a decision on the matter at its next session and requested the Secretary-General to provide a statement of administrative and financial implications of the proposal.

C. Preparations for the Conference and documentation:
report of the Secretary-General
(agenda item 4)

34. The Committee considered this item at its 42nd to 50th meetings, from 29 June to 5 July 1984. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Conference and documentation (A/CONF.108/PC/11 and Add.1) and a note by the Secretariat on the same subject (A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.1). The Chairman of the Committee made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Conference and himself on the consultations they had jointly undertaken with Member States relating to this agenda item (see annex III). The Committee also had before it a draft proposal entitled "Convening of a meeting of internationally eminent specialists in the nuclear energy field" (A/CONF.108/PC/L.7) and the report of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Essam El-Din Hawas (Egypt), on the informal consultations on the Iraqi proposal concerning the convening of a meeting of internationally eminent specialists (A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.4). For the action of the Committee on the last two mentioned proposals, see paragraph 43 below.

35. The Committee took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the conference and documentation and requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue with the preparations as outlined in the report, keeping in mind the observations and suggestions made during its consideration by the Committee.

36. The Committee once again emphasized the importance of adequate preparations for the Conference. The members of the Committee agreed on the importance of intersessional intergovernmental consultations and contacts. The Committee also agreed:

(a) To begin formal/official intersessional intergovernmental work with the sixth session of the Preparatory Committee;

(b) To recommend that the General Assembly request the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference, on the basis of the practice successfully used before the fifth session of the Preparatory Committee, to continue individual and group consultations, as necessary, in order

to assist the Committee in expediting the necessary procedural and substantive preparations for the Conference.

37. The Chairman expressed his understanding that, in line with the practice followed before the fifth session of the Committee, the consultations envisaged in paragraph 36 (b) above would be likewise informal.

38. The delegation of Nigeria expressed its reservations on the text of paragraph 36 above, as it did not refer to the need for the Committee to undertake preparations for the Conference.

39. Acknowledging the General Assembly resolutions which emphasized the expected contributions from IAEA, in particular in relation to the progress of the work of the Committee on Assurances of Supply (CAS), established by the IAEA Board of Governors, the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, the Committee decided that these contributions to the input documents for the Conference should be concise and comprehensive and specifically related to the purpose, aims and objectives of the Conference, including in particular suggestions regarding practical and effective ways and means for the promotion of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The Committee emphasized that the contributions should conform to General Assembly directives concerning the control and limitation of documentation.

40. The Committee decided that the contributions to be provided by IAEA, the specialized agencies and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including reports of regional expert group meetings, should be submitted to the Committee before being distributed for the Conference. In this connection, the Committee called upon the contributing organizations to make their documentation available to the Conference secretariat well in advance of the sixth session of the Committee, preferably three months before that session.

41. The Committee was informed by the representative of IAEA about the paper being presented to the Committee and those in preparation as requested by the General Assembly in its relevant resolutions. Further, it was reassured that, in the light of the comments made at the second session of the Preparatory Committee, the paper on safeguards already presented would be properly reviewed.

42. The Committee requested the Conference secretariat to obtain a report from relevant international organizations on studies and deliberations that were taking place within them, or for which they were acting as secretariat, the objectives of which were related to the activities of Member States in the field of nuclear energy and the determination of repercussions of their nuclear programmes and operations on the environment. In this regard, information should be requested in particular from the International Maritime Organization, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development/Nuclear Energy Agency, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and the International Commission on Radiological Protection.

43. The Committee decided, in principle, to agree upon a group of internationally eminent experts to provide advice on major issues with which the Conference is concerned. This group, which should consist of up to 15 members drawn on an equitable geographical representation, meeting for about four days at Vienna, some six months prior to the Conference, will be constituted at the sixth session of the Preparatory Committee, along with an appropriate mandate for its work. The

Committee emphasized that every effort should be made to make the meeting cost effective to the maximum extent possible. The Committee, in the light of the foregoing, recommends that the General Assembly, after considering the financial implications, take the necessary steps, at the earliest, to provide the resources for this meeting.

44. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to invite the following to participate in the Conference:

(a) All States;

(b) Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia;

(c) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(d) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in its region, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(e) The International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies, as well as interested United Nations organs, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations, to be represented by observers at the Conference;

(g) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the work of the Conference, to be represented by observers at the Conference.

45. As agreed upon during the second session of the Preparatory Committee, the Committee should be consulted by the Secretary-General of the Conference concerning the list of non-governmental organizations to be invited to participate in the Conference.

D. Venue and actual dates of the Conference in 1986 and for further meetings of the Preparatory Committee and provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Preparatory Committee

(agenda item 5)

46. The Committee considered this item at its 47th, 50th and 51st meetings, on 3 and 5 July 1984.

47. The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Conference and himself regarding consultations which they had held with Member States on this question.

48. The representative of Yugoslavia informed the Committee that the Government of Yugoslavia was not as yet able to reach a decision regarding the possibility of offering Belgrade as the venue of the Conference and that it would consider this matter in due course before the next session of the General Assembly. Welcoming the statement of the representative of Yugoslavia, the members of the Committee strongly favoured Belgrade as the venue of the Conference and expressed the hope that the Government of Yugoslavia would find it possible to host the Conference.

49. The Committee decided that in the eventuality that no invitation to host the Conference were forthcoming from a Member State, the Conference should be held at Geneva for a period of up to three weeks during the period September-November 1986, as might be considered appropriate and convenient in the light of the availability of the necessary facilities and services and other scheduled major international conferences and activities at that time.

50. At its 51st meeting, on 5 July 1984, the Committee agreed that its sixth session should be held at Vienna for up to two weeks in October 1985. It also approved the following provisional agenda for its sixth session:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Consideration of rules 6 and 51 of the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference.
3. Preparations for the Conference and documentation:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Establishment of the group of internationally eminent experts, its mandate and composition;
 - (c) Formal intersessional intergovernmental work: date of commencement and setting-up of mechanism.
4. Commencement of preparation of concluding document(s) of the Conference.
5. Meeting of the seventh session: venue, dates and provisional agenda.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 48A (A/37/48/Add.1), annex I.

2/ For the report of the Committee on its first session, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/36/48); for the report of the Committee on its second, third and fourth sessions, see ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 48 and 48A (A/37/48 and Add.1).

ANNEX I

Provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference for the promotion of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy

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I. REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

Composition of delegations

Rule 1

Each State participating in the Conference shall be represented by a head of delegation and not more than five other accredited representatives and such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Alternates and advisers

Rule 2

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Submission of credentials

Rule 3

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference. The credentials shall be issued either by the head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Credentials Committee

Rule 4

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

Provisional participation in the Conference

Rule 5

Pending a decision of the Conference upon their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Conference.

II. OFFICERS

Elections 1/

Rule 6*

The Conference shall elect, with due regard to equitable geographical distribution, the following officers: a President, ___ Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 44. Each Main Committee shall elect three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

Acting President

Rule 7

1. If the President finds it necessary to be absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate a Vice-President to take his place.
2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Voting rights of the President 2/

Rule 8

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote, but may appoint another member of his delegation to vote in his place.

III. GENERAL COMMITTEE

Composition

Rule 9

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General and the Chairmen of the Main Committees shall constitute the General Committee. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him, shall serve as Chairman of the General Committee. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee may participate, without the right to vote, in the General Committee.

* The Committee will consider the question of the number of Vice-Presidents at its sixth session.

1/ For the election of officers of the Credentials Committee and of working groups, see rule 46 (a).

2/ For the voting rights of the Chairmen of the General Committee and the Credentials Committee, see rule 46 (b).

Functions

Rule 10

The General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Conference and, subject to the decisions of the Conference, shall ensure the co-ordination of its work.

IV. SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE

Duties of the Secretary-General

Rule 11

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or in his absence the Secretary-General of the Conference, shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Conference and its subsidiary organs. The Secretary-General of the United Nations or the Secretary-General of the Conference may designate a member of the secretariat to act in his place at these meetings.

2. The Secretary-General of the Conference shall direct the staff required by the Conference.

Duties of the secretariat

Rule 12

The secretariat of the Conference shall, in accordance with these rules:

- (a) Interpret speeches made at meetings;
- (b) Receive, translate and circulate the documents of the Conference;
- (c) Publish and circulate the report of the Conference;
- (d) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings of meetings;
- (e) Arrange for the custody of the documents of the Conference in the archives of the United Nations;
- (f) Generally perform all other work that the Conference may require.

Statements by the secretariat

Rule 13

The Secretary-General of the United Nations or the Secretary-General of the Conference, or any member of the secretariat designated by either for that purpose, may, subject to rule 18, make statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Rule 14

1. The Conference shall adopt a report, the draft of which shall be prepared by the Rapporteur-General.
2. The Conference shall also adopt other concluding document(s) as it deems appropriate.

VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum 3/

Rule 15

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the representatives of the States participating in the Conference are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of such States shall be required for any decision to be taken.

General powers of the President

Rule 16

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Conference; he shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order. The President, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Conference the closing of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each participant in the Conference may speak on a question, the adjournment or the closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.
2. The President, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Conference.

Points of order

Rule 17

During the discussion of any question, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance

3/ For the quorum required at meetings of committees, see rule 46 (c).

with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the question under discussion.

Speeches

Rule 18

1. No one may address the Conference without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 17, 19 and 21 to 24, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak.
2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Conference and the President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the question under discussion.
3. The Conference may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of times participants may speak on a question. Permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour of and to two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. In any event, with the consent of the Conference, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to five minutes and on other matters to 15 minutes by representatives of States and to 10 minutes by other participants.

Precedence

Rule 19

The Chairman or Rapporteur of a Main Committee may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the Committee.

Closing of the list of speakers

Rule 20

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Conference, declare the list closed. When there are no more speakers, the President shall, with the consent of the Conference, declare the debate closed.

Right of reply

Rule 21

1. Notwithstanding rule 20, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Conference who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply.

2. Statements made under this rule shall normally only be permitted at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled that are devoted to the consideration of the same item.

3. The representatives of a State may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Adjournment of debate

Rule 22

A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour of and to two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 25, be immediately put to the vote.

Closure of debate

Rule 23

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 25, be immediately put to the vote.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Rule 24

Subject to rule 37, a representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 25, be immediately put to vote.

Order of motions

Rule 25

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

- (a) To suspend the meeting;
- (b) To adjourn the meeting;
- (c) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;
- (d) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Submission of proposals and substantive amendments

Rule 26

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General of the Conference, who shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall be discussed or put to the vote no earlier than 24 hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Conference to all delegations.

Withdrawal of proposals and motions

Rule 27

A proposal or motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Decisions on competence

Rule 28

Any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Conference to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Consideration of programme, financial or administrative implications

Rule 29

Before taking a decision or making a recommendation, the implementation of which might have programme, financial or administrative implications for the United Nations, the Conference shall take into account a report from the Secretary-General on such implications.

Reconsideration of proposals

Rule 30

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Conference, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

VII. DECISION-MAKING

General agreement

Rule 31

The Conference should make best endeavours to ensure that the work of the Conference and the adoption of its report are accomplished by general agreement.

Voting rights

Rule 32

Each State participating in the Conference shall have one vote.

Majority required 4/

Rule 33

1. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, and subject to rule 31, decisions of the Conference on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.
2. Unless the Conference decides otherwise, and except as otherwise provided, decisions of the Conference on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a simple majority of the representatives present and voting.
3. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, it shall be decided by the Conference by a simple majority of the representatives present and voting.
4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"

Rule 34

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

^{4/} For the majority required for decisions of committees and working groups, see rule 46 (d).

Method of voting

Rule 35

Except as provided in rule 42, the Conference shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Conference, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-call votes, and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

Explanations of vote

Rule 36

Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of an explanation of their votes, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

Conduct during voting

Rule 37

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting. Before announcing the results, the President shall announce the end of the voting process.

Division of proposals

Rule 38

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be voted on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour of and to two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Amendments

Rule 39

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

Order of voting on amendments

Rule 40

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Conference shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on, until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Order of voting on proposals

Rule 41

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Conference decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Conference may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.
2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted.
3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Elections

Rule 42

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

Rule 43

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, each delegation entitled to vote may cast a vote for as many candidates as there are places to be filled, and those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes shall be elected.
2. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places.

VIII. COMMITTEES

Main Committees and working groups

Rule 44

There shall be two Main Committees; working groups may be established, if necessary, by the Conference and by the Main Committees.

Representation on the Main Committees

Rule 45

Each State participating in the Conference may be represented by one representative on each Main Committee. It may assign to these Committees such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Officers and procedures

Rule 46

The rules relating to officers (rules 6 to 8), the secretariat of the Conference (rules 11 to 13), the conduct of business of the Conference (rules 15 to 30) and decision-making (rules 31 to 43) shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of committees and working groups, except that:

(a) Unless otherwise decided, the Credentials Committee and any working group shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it may require;

(b) The Chairmen of the General Committee and the Credentials Committee and the chairmen of working groups may exercise the right to vote;

(c) A majority of the representatives on the General Committee or the Credentials Committee or on any working group shall constitute a quorum; the Chairman of a Main Committee may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one quarter of the representatives of the States participating in the Conference are present;

(d) Subject to rule 31, decisions of committees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal shall require the majority established by rule 30.

IX. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

Languages of the Conference

Rule 47

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Conference.

Interpretation

Rule 48

1. Speeches made in a language of the Conference shall be interpreted into the other such languages.
2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Conference if he provides for interpretation into one such language.

Languages of resolutions and other formal decisions

Rule 49

All resolutions and other formal decisions of the Conference shall be published in the languages of the Conference.

Languages of reports

Rule 50

Any reports submitted by the General Committee, the Credentials Committee or the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 44, as well as the report of the Conference referred to in rule 14, shall be published in the languages of the Conference.

Records of meetings

Rule 51

1. *
2. Sound recordings of meetings of the Conference and of the Main Committees shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided by the Main Committee concerned, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any working group thereof.

* The Committee will consider the question of provision of summary records of the meetings of the plenary and/or Main Committees of the Conference at its sixth session, taking into account a statement of programme, financial and administrative implications provided by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

X. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

General principles

Rule 52

1. The plenary meetings of the Conference and the meetings of the Main Committees shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise.
2. Meetings of other organs of the Conference shall be held in private.

Communiqués on private meetings

Rule 53

At the close of a private meeting, the body concerned may issue a communiqué to the press through the Secretary-General of the Conference.

XI. OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS

Representatives of the United Nations Council for Namibia

Rule 54

Representatives designated by the United Nations Council for Namibia may participate in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and any working group, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly.

Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices

Rule 55

Representatives designated by organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any working group.

Representatives of national liberation movements

Rule 56

Representatives designated by national liberation movements invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any working group on any matter of particular concern to those movements.

Representatives of the specialized agencies and
the International Atomic Energy Agency 5/

Rule 57

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies and the IAEA may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations

Rule 58

Representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of interested United Nations organs

Rule 59

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, its Main Committees and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations

Rule 60

1. Non-governmental organizations invited to the Conference may designate representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Conference and its Main Committees.
2. Upon the invitation of the presiding officer of the Conference body concerned, and subject to the approval of that body, such observers may make oral statements on questions in which they have special competence.

Written statements

Rule 61

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 54 to 60 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the

5/ For the purpose of these rules, the term "specialized agencies" includes the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to the secretariat for distribution, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is on a subject in which it has a special competence and is related to the work of the Conference.

XII. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Method of amendment

Rule 62

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Conference taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the General Committee has reported on the proposed amendment.

Method of suspension

Rule 63

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Conference provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

XIII. OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Rule 64

If matters of procedure arise which are not covered by these rules of procedure, the Conference shall be guided by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

ANNEX II

Joint statement by the Chairman of the Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference on items 2 and 3 of the agenda of the fifth session of the Preparatory Committee

1. In my opening statement, I have already briefly touched upon the background to General Assembly resolution 38/60 of 14 December 1983. In paragraph 2 of this resolution, the General Assembly requested the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference to undertake immediately appropriate consultations with Member States which could facilitate the resolution of pending issues related to the Conference, including its provisional agenda and rules of procedure, as well as to the venue and actual dates of the Conference, and to report thereon to the Preparatory Committee at its fifth session.

2. In pursuance of this specific mandate of the General Assembly, both the Secretary-General of the Conference and myself have been engaged in extensive consultations with the Member States on relevant matters, almost uninterruptedly over the past months. We have also jointly had a series of meetings with a large number of individual delegations in Vienna covering a representative selection from all regional groups. We had two rounds of such meetings - from 27 February to 8 March and again from 21 to 31 May, each round concluding with a general meeting of all interested Member States. As already mentioned in my earlier statement, we were greatly encouraged and heartened in our consultations by the co-operative and objective approach on all sides, coupled with a constructive desire to contribute to the solution of the outstanding issues concerning our Conference. We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for this.

3. The first round of our meetings was mainly concentrated on exploring the possibility of acceptable formulation for item 5 of the draft agenda for the Conference based on our understanding that except for this item, there was no disagreement on the text of the draft agenda for the Conference as submitted by the representative of Mexico on behalf of the Group of 77 at the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

4. In the light of our assessment of the views expressed during the first round, and emerging as the sum-total of the consultative process in which we had been engaged, we presented a formulation for this controversial item at the general meeting on 8 March, reading as follows:

"Principles universally acceptable for international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and appropriate ways and means for the promotion of such co-operation, as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 32/50, and in accordance with mutually acceptable considerations of non-proliferation."

5. I am glad to be in a position to state here that a substantial number of representatives have since conveyed their Governments' acceptance of this formulation. Some more have conveyed that they could go along with this formulation. What is more important is the fact that there has been no indication of a single country rejecting this formulation. This strengthens us in the belief that the formulation proposed by us indeed provides a realistic solution of this controversial issue which has blocked progress in the work of the Preparatory

Committee so far. Accordingly, we would strongly commend this formulation of item 5 for acceptance by the Committee and we propose that the Committee decides to recommend to the Conference the adoption of the agenda contained in the paper which is now being circulated to you.

6. I shall now turn to another issue linked with this matter, namely, the decision-making process in the Conference. We had some preliminary exchanges of views in this regard during the first round of our meetings and we had more detailed consultations on this particular issue during the second round. Again, in the light of these consultations and our assessment, we submitted at the general meeting on 31 May, the formulation for a procedure to deal with this issue. Our proposal is that the following statement be included in the report of this session of the Committee in connection with item 5 of the provisional agenda for the Conference:

"Without prejudice to the rules of procedure of the Conference and without setting a precedent, an understanding has been reached in the Preparatory Committee that decisions in the Conference relating to the substance of item 5 shall be adopted by consensus. Further, it has been agreed that at the opening session of the Conference, prior to the adoption of the agenda for the Conference, the President of the Conference shall make a statement reaffirming this understanding."

7. According to this formulation, the understanding concerning Conference decisions by consensus relates to the substance of item 5, that is to say, universally acceptable principles for international co-operation and ways and means for the promotion of such co-operation. Accordingly, this understanding will apply to Conference decisions relating to this subject-matter whenever it is considered in the Conference.

8. We are conscious that the two formulations which we have submitted for your consideration may not fully satisfy the expectations of every country. However, you will appreciate that these formulations, by their very nature, are compromise solutions, the product of harmonization of divergent approaches, essentially based on our assessment in the light of our consultations, of what could represent the widest common denominator of the various points of view and thus find general acceptance. We have formulated them very carefully with the utmost sense of objectivity and realism and we trust that you will kindly look upon them in that spirit. Naturally, you will appreciate that both formulations on these two linked issues represent a very delicate and sensitive balance, both in terms of substance and nuance, thus leaving no scope for any changes or modifications which would inevitably upset this delicate balance. We hope very much that in a joint exercise of political will and broad vision in the larger interests of the international community as a whole, the Committee will see its way to formally approve these formulations at an early stage of its work at this session so that the Committee can then devote its attention to several other important matters which have been neglected so far.

9. In terms of the General Assembly mandate, our consultations related also to other outstanding issues related to the Conference, including the venue and the actual dates for the Conference in 1986, as also for further meetings of the Committee. It is our intention to report to you on these other aspects of our consultations when the Committee will take up the corresponding items on its agenda.

10. In concluding, I need hardly say that the Secretary-General of the Conference and I have been in continuous close contact, working together in full co-operation and complete understanding, and the statement I have just made stands jointly for both of us.

ANNEX III

Joint statement by the Chairman of the Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference on item 4 of the agenda of the fifth session of the Preparatory Committee

1. Having concluded our consideration of item 3 of our agenda, we shall now take up item 4 on preparations for the Conference and documentation. The main document before the Committee under that item is the report by the Secretary-General contained in A/CONF.108/PC/11 and Add.1. (Incidentally, it should be noted that, in the first line of para. 11 of the report, the year "1983" should read "1982".) In outlining the status of the preparations for the Conference, the report draws our attention to a number of issues which should be considered by the Committee.
2. The report is rather detailed and I shall not go over the various points presented therein. I merely wish to make here a few observations based on exchanges of views which took place during our recent rounds of consultations with Member States.
3. As regards inputs to the Conference, various concerned organizations of the United Nations system, as well as the IAEA, have submitted a list of topics, together with some preliminary material on which they have offered to contribute inputs to the Conference. The latest submissions by the IAEA are presented for the first time at this session of the Committee and are contained in document A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.1. A list of the submissions issued at previous sessions of the Committee is contained in the annotation to this item of our agenda.
4. The Committee thus far has not had the time to give much attention to these submissions. It is therefore essential that the Committee now examine these lists carefully to ensure the relevance and usefulness of the proposed topics from the viewpoint of the aims and objectives of the Conference and to give the necessary guidance concerning the preparation of the input documents. It seems both advisable and appropriate that these contributions, which would also include reports of regional activities, should be submitted to the Preparatory Committee which has the responsibility for proper preparations for the Conference on behalf of the international community, before these documents are finally distributed to Member States.
5. The Committee may also wish to give guidance as to the preferred timing for the submission to it of the final version of these contributions, e.g. at its next session. It is understood that the preparation of the documentary inputs by organizations of the United Nations system and by IAEA will not require the convening of any intergovernmental meeting. It is also understood that contributions to the Conference documentation to be provided by governments will not be subject to preliminary submission to this Committee.
6. I shall now turn to the output documents of the Conference, that is, documents incorporating decisions and conclusions of the Conference. Background information on this important question is contained in paragraphs 27 to 29 of the Secretary-General's report. As indicated there, the primary responsibility for drafting these documents lies with the Preparatory Committee and it seems also advisable that this process is started well in advance of the Conference if meaningful results from the Conference are to be expected. As you know, because of

various considerations and other preoccupations of a substantive number of delegations, it seems unrealistic to expect that this work could be taken in hand at this stage but it seems appropriate and timely that the Committee, at this session, takes a decision in principle to undertake this task. The actual establishment of the mechanism for preparation and the launching of this work could be decided upon at our next session.

7. A number of other matters, including the question of invitations to the Conference, are raised in the report by the Secretary-General and I invite the members of the Committee to address them on this occasion.

ANNEX IV

Documents submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its fifth session

- (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy on its second, third and fourth sessions (A/37/48 and Add.1);
- (b) Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/5);
- (c) Agenda for the fifth session (A/CONF.108/PC/10);
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Conference and documentation (A/CONF.108/PC/11 and Add.1);
- (e) Joint statement by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference pursuant to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 38/60 of 14 December 1983;
- (f) Note by the Secretariat on the preparations for the Conference and documentation (A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.1);
- (g) Note by the Secretariat on the draft organization of work (A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.2);
- (h) Result of informal consultations of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.3);
- (i) Report of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Essam El-Din Hawas (Egypt), on the informal consultations on the Iraqi proposal concerning the convening of a meeting of internationally eminent specialists (A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.4);
- (j) Note by the Secretariat on the draft rules of procedure for the Conference (A/CONF.108/PC/3/CRP.1);
- (k) Information for participants (A/CONF.108/PC/5/INF.1);
- (l) Draft report of the Committee on its fifth session (A/CONF.108/PC/L.6 and Add.1-3);
- (m) Draft decision by Iraq on the convening of a meeting of internationally eminent specialists in the nuclear energy field (A/CONF.108/PC/L.7);
- (n) Statement of administrative and financial implications of the convening of a meeting of eminent specialists in the nuclear energy field as contained in documents A/CONF.108/PC/L.7 and A/CONF.108/PC/5/CRP.4;
- (o) Documentation for the Conference, third session (A/CONF.108/PC/3/CRP.2 and Add.1);
- (p) Documentation for the Conference, fourth session (A/CONF.108/PC/4/CRP.1 and Add.1).

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