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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 39/160 of 17 December 1984, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Decides to convene an International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, which should be preceded by thorough preparation and should take decisions by consensus;

"2. Also decides that the purposes of the Conference should be:

"(a) To review the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions;

"(b) To undertake an examination of the implications of the level and magnitude of the continuing military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries, and to make recommendations for remedial measures;

"(c) To consider ways and means of releasing additional resources, through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular in favour of developing countries;

"3. Further decides to set up a Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development composed of fifty-four members, which should formulate and submit, by consensus, to the General Assembly, at its fortieth session, recommendations as to the provisional agenda, procedure, place, date and duration of the Conference."

2. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the resolution, the President of the General Assembly, after consultations with the Chairmen of the regional groups, appointed the following countries to be members of the Preparatory Committee: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

3. In connection with the representation of the countries of the Eastern European Group in the Preparatory Committee, the President of the General Assembly pointed out that, in the course of his consultations, the Eastern European Group had emphasized that its nomination of the six countries listed above did not imply its recognition of the so-called Economic and Social Council formula for the

distribution of seats in the Preparatory Committee and that the present case should not create a precedent for future decisions on the composition of such disarmament bodies.

4. Representatives from the following States members of the Preparatory Committee participated: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zambia. The membership for the two seats allotted to the North African subgroup within the Group of African States was not decided upon until the end of the session.

## II. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN 1985

5. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 39/160, the Preparatory Committee met at United Nations Headquarters from 29 July to 9 August 1985. During the session the Committee held 11 meetings. Five meetings were held in informal open-ended sessions.

6. The Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Muchkund Dubey (India)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Dietmar Hücke (German Democratic Republic)

Mr. Martin Huslid (Norway)

Mr. Oscar Oramas Oliva (Cuba)

Rapporteur: Mr. Bernard A. N. Mudho (Kenya)

7. At its 2nd meeting held on 30 July, the Committee adopted the agenda as contained in document A/CONF.130/PC/L.1.

8. The Committee devoted its attention primarily to discharging the mandate given to it in operative paragraph 3 of resolution 39/160 to formulate and submit, by consensus, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, recommendations as to the provisional agenda, procedure, place, date and duration of the Conference. At its 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings on 30 July, 31 July and 1 August, there was a general exchange of views on those matters and statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, the Philippines, Romania, the Sudan, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia.

9. For the consideration of agenda item 5, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Working paper by the Chairman (A/CONF.130/PC/L.2);

(b) Draft outline of provisional rules of procedure: working paper prepared by the secretariat (A/CONF.130/PC/L.3);

(c) Draft provisional rules of procedure for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development (A/CONF.130/PC/L.4 and Rev.1).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE  
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10. At its 11th meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to submit, by consensus, to the fortieth session of the General Assembly the recommendations set out below.

A. Provisional agenda

11. The following should be the provisional agenda for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Election of the other officers.
5. Credentials of the representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
6. Adoption of the agenda.
7. Organization of work.
8. Review of the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions.
9. Examination of the implications of the level and magnitude of the continuing military expenditures, in particular those of the nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and the international economic and social situation, particularly for developing countries, and elaboration of appropriate recommendations for remedial measures.
10. Consideration of ways and means of releasing additional resources through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular in favour of developing countries.
11. Adoption of the final document of the Conference.
12. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.



**B. Venue**

12. Favourable consideration should be given to holding the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development in Paris. In this connection, the attention of the Assembly is drawn to the initiative taken by the President of the French Republic at the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly. 1/

**C. Date**

13. The Conference should be held in June/July 1986.

**D. Duration**

14. The duration of the Conference should be three weeks.

**E. Procedure**

15. (a) Rules of procedure. The General Assembly should recommend to the Conference the adoption of the provisional rules of procedure for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development as contained in the Annex (A/CONF.130/PC/L.4/Rev.1, as amended). The rule of procedure pertaining to decision-making by consensus, which was decided upon by the General Assembly for the International Conference, should not be seen as setting a precedent for other international conferences to be held under the auspices of the United Nations. One delegation emphasized that this rule should not affect the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

(b) Structure of the Conference. The structure of the Conference should be as follows:

- (i) A plenary, where opening and closing statements will be made and all formal decisions on behalf of the Conference will be taken;
- (ii) A Credentials Committee to scrutinize the credentials of delegations and make appropriate recommendations;
- (iii) A Committee of the Whole, where the reports of the working groups will come for consideration before their submission to the plenary;
- (iv) Three working groups, one for each of the three substantive agenda items;

(c) Final outcome of the Conference. The conclusions and decisions of the Conference should be in the form of a final document which may be called a Declaration, and such other documents as may be agreed upon;

(d) In conformity with General Assembly resolution 39/160, the Conference should be held at a high political level.

## F. Participation

16. The General Assembly should invite to the Conference all States and such other participants as are traditionally invited to international conferences convened by the General Assembly.

## G. The preparatory process

### 1. Additional sessions of the Preparatory Committee

17. The General Assembly should renew the mandate of the Preparatory Committee and authorize it to hold one more session of two weeks with the possibility of its deciding to convene, if necessary, a resumed session immediately before the Conference. The renewed mandate of the Preparatory Committee should be to make substantive preparations for the Conference. The session or sessions should be held in New York or Geneva, taking into account all relevant factors including the need for minimizing cost and for adequate representation.

18. In order to enable all the Member States to contribute effectively to the substantive work, the sessions of the Preparatory Committee should be open-ended.

### 2. Appointment of a Secretary-General of the Conference

19. The Secretary-General of the United Nations should be requested to designate as early as possible a Secretary-General of the Conference. The Secretary-General of the Conference should assist the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee in organizing the business and timetables of the Preparatory Committee and similarly assist the President of the Conference; provide professional assistance through preparation of background papers, bibliographies and compilation of information and analysis relevant to the work of the Conference; and perform such other functions as are entrusted to him by the Preparatory Committee and the Conference.

### 3. Documentation

20. The Conference will have at its disposal documents and papers that have already been prepared on the subject and those under preparation. Moreover, updating of existing material should be undertaken as appropriate. In addition, a short succinct document should be prepared covering each of the three substantive agenda items. These three documents should give an overview of the developments in the area, with particular reference to the involvement of the United Nations, update the available information and analysis as may be necessary in the light of latest developments, and contain possible conclusions drawn from the analysis. A compilation of agreed formulations that would facilitate the task of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference should also be prepared. Preparation of a number of other new documents and papers, on a strictly selective basis, might be necessary. In this connection, the Secretary-General of the Conference should make full use of the United Nations system and also be free to consult acknowledged expertise in the field.

### 4. A panel of eminent personalities

21. The Secretary-General of the Conference should be able to convene a panel of eminent personalities active in the field of disarmament and development drawn from different regions of the world and covering a wide range of views, in order to

channel their input for the benefit of the Conference into the preparatory process at as early a date as possible.

5. Appropriate information to the General Assembly

22. Appropriate information on the preparatory process should be available to the General Assembly at an early stage.

H. Dissemination of information

23. Due consideration should be given to the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the Conference, and to its preparatory work as appropriate.

Notes

1/ The Preparatory Committee adopted its recommendation on the venue of the Conference taking into account the indication given to it by the French delegation that France is prepared to host the International Conference in Paris.

ANNEX

Provisional rules of procedure for the International Conference  
on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development

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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 at its fortieth session. 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

### Appointment of officers of the Conference 1/

#### Rule 6

The Conference shall appoint the following officers from among the representatives of States participating in the Conference: a President, nine Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole and three Chairpersons of the three working groups established in accordance with rule 22.

#### Acting President

#### Rule 7

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

## III. BUREAU

### Composition

#### Rule 8

The Bureau of the Conference shall comprise the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General, the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole and the three Chairpersons of the three working groups. The President of the Conference, or in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him/her, shall serve as the Chairperson of the Bureau.

### Functions

#### Rule 9

The Bureau 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 10

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or in his absence the Secretary-General of the Conference who shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, 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/her place at these meetings.
2. The Secretary-General of the Conference shall direct the staff required by the Conference.

##### Duties of the secretariat

###### Rule 11

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 final document and 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.

##### Statement by the secretariat

###### Rule 12

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 17, make statements concerning any questions under consideration.

#### V. CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

##### Report

###### Rule 13

The Conference shall adopt a report including the final document, the draft of which shall be prepared by the Rapporteur-General.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### Quorum 2/

### Rule 14

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 15

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him/her 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 for decision and announce decisions. He/she 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 or the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each State participating 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/her functions, remains under the authority of the Conference.

### Points of order

### Rule 16

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President. The decision of the President shall be final.

### Speeches

### Rule 17

1. No one may address the Conference without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 16, 18 and 20, 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/her remarks are not relevant to the subject 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 President shall immediately decide on the motion. In any event, with the consent of the Conference, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to 5 minutes and on other matters to 15 minutes by representatives of States and to 10 minutes by other participants.

### Precedence

#### Rule 18

The Presiding Officers of the Committee of the Whole and the working groups may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the Committee or the working groups.

### Closing of the list of speakers

#### Rule 19

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

### Right of reply

#### Rule 20

1. Notwithstanding rule 19, 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 be permitted only at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled that are devoted to the consideration of the same item or at the conclusion of the consideration of the relevant item if that is sooner.

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.

### Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

#### Rule 21

A representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions shall not be debated, and the President shall decide on them immediately.

## Adjournment of debate

### Rule 22

A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of and two against the motion, after which the President shall decide on it immediately.

## 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 a wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be decided upon by the President immediately.

## Order of motions

### Rule 24

Subject to rule 19, the following motions shall have precedence in the indicated order over all other proposals or motions before the meeting:

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

## Basic proposals

### Rule 25

The draft proposals submitted to the Conference by the Preparatory Committee shall constitute the basic proposals for consideration by the Conference.

## Submission of other proposals and substantive amendments

### Rule 26

Other proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be introduced in writing and handed to the Secretary-General of the Conference, who shall circulate copies to all delegations in the languages of the Conference. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations in the languages of the Conference not later than the day preceding the

meeting. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or motions as to procedure, even though these amendments and motions have not been circulated or have been circulated only the same day.

### Decisions on competence

#### Rule 27

Any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Conference to discuss any matter or to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be decided by the President before the matter is discussed or a decision is taken on the proposal in question by the President.

### VII. DECISION-MAKING

#### Consensus

#### Rule 28

The Conference shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus.

### VIII. SUBSIDIARY BODIES

#### Committee of the Whole and working groups

#### Rule 29

1. The Conference shall establish a Committee of the Whole and three working groups.
2. The Committee of the Whole shall report to the Conference and the working groups shall report to the Committee of the Whole.

#### Representation on the Committee of the Whole

#### Rule 30

Each State participating in the Conference may be represented by one representative on the Committee of the Whole. It may assign to this Committee such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

#### Officers and procedure

#### Rule 31

The rules relating to officers (rules 6 and 7), the secretariat of the Conference (rules 10 to 12), the conduct of business of the Conference (rules 14 to 20) and decision-making (rule 28) shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of committees and working groups, except that:

(a) The Credentials Committee shall appoint a Presiding Officer. Working groups may, in addition to the Chairperson appointed under rule 6, appoint such other officers as they may deem necessary;

(b) A majority of the representatives on the Committee of the Whole, the Bureau, the Credentials Committee or any working group shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of taking any decision;

(c) The presiding officers of the Committee of the Whole and the working groups may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed in their respective bodies when at least one quarter of the representatives of the States participating in the Conference are present.

## **IX. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS**

### **Languages of the Conference**

#### **Rule 32**

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

#### **Interpretation**

#### **Rule 33**

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/she provides for interpretation into one such language.

### **Languages of documents of the Conference**

#### **Rule 34**

The final document and other documents adopted by the Conference shall be published in the languages of the Conference.

### **Languages of reports**

#### **Rule 35**

Any reports submitted by the Bureau, the Credentials Committee or the Committee of the Whole established in accordance with rule 29, as well as the report of the Conference referred to in rule 11, shall be published in the languages of the Conference.

## Records of meetings

### Rule 36

1. There shall be verbatim records of the proceedings of the meetings of the plenary.
2. Sound recordings of meetings of the Conference, the Committee of the Whole and the working groups shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations.

## X. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

### General principles

#### Rule 37

1. The plenary meetings of the Conference and the meetings of the Committee of the Whole 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 38

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

## XI. OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS

### Representatives of the United Nations Council for Namibia

#### Rule 39

Representatives designated by the United Nations Council for Namibia (representing Namibia) may participate in the deliberations of the Conference, its Committee of the Whole 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 40

Representatives designated by the 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 in the deliberations of the Conference, its Committee of the Whole and, as appropriate, any working group without the right to participate in the decision-making process.

Representatives of national liberation movements

Rule 41

Representatives designated by national liberation movements invited to the Conference may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference, its Committee of the Whole and, as appropriate, any working group on any matter of particular concern to those movements without the right to participate in the decision-making process.

Representatives of the specialized agencies 3/

Rule 42

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate in the deliberations of the Conference, its Committee of the Whole and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities without the right to participate in the decision-making process.

Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations

Rule 43

Representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference, its Committee of the Whole and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities without the right to participate in the decision-making process.



## Representatives of other interested United Nations organs

### Rule 44

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference, its Committee of the Whole and, as appropriate, any working group on questions within the scope of their activities without the right to participate in the decision-making process.

## Representatives of non-governmental organizations

### Rule 45

Interested non-governmental organizations invited to the Conference may designate representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Conference and its Committee of the Whole. They may make their views available to the Conference either in writing or, with the permission of the presiding officers, by making oral statements. 4/

## Written statements

### Rule 46

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 39 to 45 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the 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 the organization 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 47

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Conference taken by consensus, after the Bureau has reported on the proposed amendment.

### Method of suspension

#### Rule 48

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.

## Notes

1/ Of the 15 officers provided for in this rule three shall be appointed from each of the five geographical groups:

Three officers from the Group of African States

Three officers from the Group of Asian States

Three officers from the Group of Eastern European States

Three officers from the Group of Latin American States

Three officers from the Group of Western European and other States.

For the election of the Presiding Officer of the Credentials Committee and other officers of working groups, see rule 31 (a).

2/ For the quorum requirement relating to subsidiary bodies, see rule 31 (b).

3/ For the purpose of these rules, the term "specialized agencies" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

4/ These include non-governmental organizations in consultative status and with the Economic and Social Council and others in a position to contribute to the work of the Conference.

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