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**Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations  
Conference to Review Progress Made in the  
Implementation of the Programme of Action to  
Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in  
Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**  
New York, 12–16 February 2024

## Draft report

### Submitted by the Chair

#### I. Introduction

1. At its seventy-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution [78/46](#), in which it decided to convene the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects in New York from 17 to 28 June 2024, to precede the meeting of the preparatory committee in New York, from 12 to 16 February 2024. The Assembly also underlined the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument for attaining Sustainable Development Goal 16 and target 16.4 of the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development.

#### II. Organizational matters

##### A. Opening and duration of the session and list of participants

2. The Preparatory Committee held its session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 16 February 2024. The session was opened by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, who also made a statement. During the session, the Preparatory Committee held a total of [ ] formal meetings.

3. The Chief of the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch in the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as Secretary of the Preparatory Committee.

4. The list of participants is contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/INF/2](#); and the list of non-governmental organizations is contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/INF/1](#).



## **B. Election of officers**

5. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February, the Preparatory Committee elected the following officers:

*Chair:*

Maritza Chan Valverde (Costa Rica)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Argentina

Australia

Croatia

Egypt

El Salvador

Ghana

Latvia

Nepal

Philippines

Portugal

Romania

South Africa

Switzerland

## **C. Adoption of the agenda**

6. Also at its 1st meeting, on 12 February, the Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda as contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/L.1](#).

## **D. Adoption of the rules of procedure**

7. Also at its 1st meeting, on 12 February, the Preparatory Committee adopted its rules of procedure as contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/L.3](#).

## **E. Documentation**

8. The documents of the Preparatory Committee are listed in the annex.

9. The Preparatory Committee also had before it working papers submitted by [\_\_].

## **III. Proceedings of the session**

10. At its 1st to 4th meetings, on 12 and 13 February, and at its 6th to 8th meetings, on 15 and 16 February, the Preparatory Committee held a thematic debate on progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, in which [\_\_] participating States delivered statements.

11. The Preparatory Committee also heard statements made by representatives of [\_\_] intergovernmental organizations at its 5th meeting, on 14 February 2024.

12. At the same meeting, statements by representatives of a total of [\_\_] non-governmental organizations were heard.

13. At its [\_\_]th meeting, on 16 February, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 10, entitled “Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters”.

#### **IV. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee**

14. At the [\_\_]th meeting, on 16 February, the Chair introduced the draft report of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/L.4](#).

15. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted its report.

#### **V. Recommendations of the Preparatory Committee**

16. At its [\_\_]th meeting, on 16 February, the Preparatory Committee adopted the following recommendations:

##### **Recommendation I Draft provisional agenda of the Conference**

The Preparatory Committee decides to recommend to the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects the provisional agenda as follows and as contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/3](#):

##### **Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Statement by the President.
4. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
6. Adoption of the agenda.
7. Organization of work.
8. Election of officers other than the President.
9. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
10. General exchange of views.
11. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations.
12. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
13. Adoption of the final documents of the Conference.
14. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

## **Recommendation II**

### **Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference**

The Preparatory Committee decides to recommend for adoption by the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects the rules of procedure as contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/2](#).

## **Recommendation III**

### **Nomination of the President of the Conference**

The Preparatory Committee decides to unanimously recommend the candidacy of Maritza Chan Valverde of Costa Rica, the Chair of the Preparatory Committee, for the presidency of the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

The Preparatory Committee requests the President-designate to undertake informal consultations, including open-ended informal consultations, if required, in the period before the Conference.

## **Recommendation IV**

### **Nomination of the Secretary-General of the Conference**

The Preparatory Committee decides to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with Member States, to nominate an official to act as Secretary-General of the Fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

**Annex****Documents of the Preparatory Committee**

1. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/L.1](#) Draft provisional agenda
  2. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/L.2](#) Provisional programme of work
  3. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/L.3](#) Rules of procedure applicable to the Preparatory Committee
  4. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/L.4](#) Draft report
  5. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/1](#) Outline of elements for consideration by the Conference
  6. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/2](#) Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference
  7. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/3](#) Provisional agenda of the Conference
  8. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/INF/1](#) List of non-governmental organizations
  9. [A/CONF.192/2024/PC/INF/2](#) List of participants
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