

2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of Main Committee III

Establishment and terms of reference

1. Under rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons established Main Committee III as one of its three Main Committees and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see [NPT/CONF.2020/1](#)):

Item 16. Review of the operation of the Treaty, as provided for in its article VIII, paragraph 3, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference and the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference:

- (d) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the inalienable right of all parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II:
 - (i) Articles III, paragraph 3, and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III, paragraphs 1, 2 and 4, and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5;
 - (ii) Article V;
- (e) Other provisions of the Treaty.

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

2. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference also approved the establishment of Subsidiary Body 3 under Main Committee III. The Conference decided that Subsidiary Body 3 would examine “Peaceful uses of nuclear energy and other provisions of the Treaty; and improving the effectiveness of the strengthened review process”. It also decided that the subsidiary body would be open-ended and that its meetings would be held in private. The Conference further decided that Subsidiary Body 3 would hold meetings within the overall time allocated to Main Committee III



and that the outcome of the work of the subsidiary body would be reflected in the report of Main Committee III to the Conference ([NPT/CONF.2020/DEC.1](#)).

Officers of the Committee

3. The Conference unanimously elected Ingeborg Denissen (Netherlands) as Chair of the Committee and Robertas Rosinas (Lithuania) as Vice-Chair.
4. Subsidiary Body 3 was chaired by Philbert Johnson (Ghana).

Documents before the Committee

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:¹

NPT/CONF.2020/1	Final report of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/2	Memorandum of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
NPT/CONF.2020/2/Add.1	Addendum to the memorandum of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
NPT/CONF.2020/3	Background paper prepared by the secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article III of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/4	Background paper prepared by the secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/5	National report submitted by Sweden pursuant to action 20 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/6	Summary update report submitted by Australia on the implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/7	Report submitted by Slovenia on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/8	Summary update to the reports submitted by Austria on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/9	Report submitted by Spain on the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

¹ Some of the documents may also cover items allocated to other Main Committees.

NPT/CONF.2020/10/Rev.2	Report submitted by the Netherlands on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes
NPT/CONF.2020/11	National report submitted by Brazil pursuant to action 20 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/12	Report submitted by Ecuador on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/13	National report submitted by Colombia pursuant to action 20 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/14	Report submitted by Switzerland on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/15	Report submitted by Ireland on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/16	Memorandum submitted by Viet Nam on activities relating to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone
NPT/CONF.2020/17/Rev.1	National report of the Russian Federation on the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/18	Memorandum from Mongolia regarding the consolidation of its international security and nuclear-weapon-free status
NPT/CONF.2020/19	Report submitted by Romania on the implementation of the action plan adopted by the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/20	Report submitted by Germany on action in support of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the period 2015–2020 – Implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/21	National report submitted by Morocco on the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/22	Report submitted by Japan on the implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/23	Report submitted by the Czech Republic on the implementation of the action plan adopted by the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.2020/24	Information provided by Lebanon on the position of Lebanon concerning its commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/25	Report submitted by Norway on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/26	Report submitted by Cuba on the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/27	Report submitted by Belgium on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/28	Report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the implementation of article VI
NPT/CONF.2020/29	Report submitted by Algeria on the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/31/Rev.1	Report submitted by Kazakhstan on the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/33	National report submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland pursuant to actions 5, 20 and 21 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons for the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty
NPT/CONF.2020/34/Rev.1	Report submitted by Poland on the implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/35	Report submitted by Canada on the implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/36/Rev.1	Report submitted by Mexico on national measures taken in its capacity as a non-nuclear-weapon State, pursuant to action 20 of the action plan in the Final Document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/37	Report submitted by Turkey on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/38	Report submitted by Chile on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.2020/39	Report submitted by Italy on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes
NPT/CONF.2020/41	Report submitted by China on the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the People's Republic of China
NPT/CONF.2020/42/Rev.1	National report submitted by France pursuant to actions 5, 20 and 21 of the Final Document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 2015–2022
NPT/CONF.2020/43	Report submitted by South Africa on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions agreed to during the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/44	Report submitted by Finland on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/47	Report submitted by the United States of America on actions 5, 20 and 21 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/48	Background paper prepared by the United Nations Secretariat on the implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/49	Memorandum on the activities of the Kyrgyz Republic as depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia
NPT/CONF.2020/50	National report submitted by Georgia on measures and activities under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/51	Report submitted by Portugal on the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes
NPT/CONF.2020/53	Report submitted by the Republic of Korea on the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/54	National report submitted by New Zealand on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/55	National report submitted by Malaysia pursuant to action 20 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.1/Rev.1](#) Working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee on the multilateral nuclear supply principles of the Zangger Committee
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.3/Rev.1](#) Working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (the Vienna Group of Ten) on “Addressing ‘Vienna issues’: the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty; compliance and verification; export controls; cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy; nuclear safety; nuclear security; and discouraging withdrawal from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons”
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.4](#) Working paper submitted by Norway on “Scientific and technical expertise supporting national efforts to advance the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: the Norwegian experience”
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.7](#) Working paper submitted by the States parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) on recommendations for consideration
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.10](#) Joint working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates) on recommendations for consideration by the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.12](#) Working paper submitted by Algeria on the right to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.14](#) Working paper submitted by the Netherlands, Norway and the Republic of Korea on minimizing and eliminating highly enriched uranium in civilian stocks and use
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.16](#) Working paper submitted by Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on “Irreversibility in the context of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: recommendations for the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty”
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.17](#) Working paper submitted by the European Union on the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty for the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.2020/WP.19	Working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Iraq, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden on the interlinkage between the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.21	Working paper submitted by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on nuclear testing
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.22	Working paper submitted by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on safeguards
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.25	Working paper submitted by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on the inalienable right to develop research, production and uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.26	Working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on substantive recommendations for incorporation into the Final Document of the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.27	Working paper submitted by Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Mexico, the Niger, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Ukraine on a framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.31	Working paper submitted by China on peaceful uses of nuclear energy
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.36	Working paper submitted by the European Union on priorities of the European Union for the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.37	Working paper submitted by China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America on peaceful uses of nuclear energy, science and technology
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.39	Working paper submitted by Kyrgyzstan on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan on environmental consequences of uranium mining
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.40	Working paper submitted by France on actions taken by France to promote the responsible development of peaceful nuclear and radiation applications under the third pillar of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2020/WP.44/Rev.1	Working paper submitted by Japan on the enhancement of peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology

- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.46/Rev.1](#) Working paper submitted by Australia, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Norway, Paraguay, Romania, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Türkiye, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America on facilitating dialogue to support enhanced peaceful uses cooperation as envisioned under article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.49](#) Working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the inalienable right to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.51](#) Working paper submitted by China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America on the P5 Glossary of Key Nuclear Terms
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.53](#) Working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates) on strengthening the review process of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons for the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.54](#) Working paper submitted by Australia, Canada, Colombia, Ireland, Mexico, Namibia, Panama, the Philippines, Spain, Sweden and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research on “From pillars to progress: gender mainstreaming in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons”
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.58](#) Working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates) on consequences of the exercise of the right of withdrawal contained in article X
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.61](#) Working paper submitted by Austria on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as the cornerstone of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime and its relationship to other relevant treaties
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.63](#) Working paper submitted by Brazil, Egypt, France and the Netherlands on “Atoms for heritage: peaceful use of nuclear techniques for heritage science”
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.64](#) Working paper submitted by France on “Nuclear energy: report on the expertise of France”
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.65](#) Working paper submitted by France on “CB2I: a new capacity-building international initiative to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy”

- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.69](#) Working paper submitted by Australia, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America on recognizing the IAEA's seven pillars in the context of article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- [NPT/CONF.2020/WP.72](#) Working paper submitted by Brazil on peaceful uses of nuclear energy

6. The following documents were submitted to the Committee on the items allocated to it:

NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/CRP.1	Draft report of Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/CRP.1/Rev.1	Draft report of Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/CRP.1/Rev.2	Draft report of Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/CRP.2	Report of Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/WP.1	Chair's working paper on Main Committee III

7. The following documents were submitted to Subsidiary Body 3 on the items allocated to it:

NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.1	Draft report of Subsidiary Body 3
NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.1/Rev.1	Draft report of Subsidiary Body 3

Work of the Committee

8. The Committee held 10 formal meetings, between 8 and 19 August 2022, and an account of the discussions is contained in the relevant summary records. Subsidiary Body 3 held five meetings, between 9 and 19 August 2022. As the latter meetings were closed meetings, there are no official records for them. After an initial general exchange of views on the agenda items allocated to it, the Committee considered the issues contained in the documents listed in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

9. At the fifth meeting of Subsidiary Body 3, held on 19 August 2022, the Chair concluded that there was no consensus and submitted the draft report containing the status of deliberations in Subsidiary Body 3 (NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.1/Rev.1) to the Chair of Main Committee III, under his own authority.

10. At the tenth meeting of Main Committee III, held on 19 August 2022, the Chair concluded that there was no consensus on the substantive part of the report and issued a working paper, under her own authority, reflecting the discussion in Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body 3 (NPT/CONF.2020/MC.III/WP.1).