PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

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Held at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 4 May 1981, at 11 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. ADENIJI (Nigeria)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.35 a.m.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The CHAIRMAN welcomed delegations to the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee and said that the measure of co-operation and dedication that delegations brought to bear on the work of the Committee would largely determine the outcome of the Committee's future work.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (A/AC.206/8)

2. The agenda was adopted.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN AND RAPPORTEUR

3. The CHAIRMAN said that consultations on the election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur were still in progress; he therefore suggested that the election should be postponed. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to his suggestion.

4. It was so decided.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

5. The CHAIRMAN said that if the other officers of the Committee had been elected, there would have been a meeting of the Bureau to discuss the organization of work, on which he could report. Since it had not been possible to follow such a procedure, he suggested that the Committee should devote the meetings on Tuesday through Thursday, 5-7 May, to a discussion of agenda items 5 and 6 in combination. A general exchange of views on the combined items would enable those delegations that had not yet responded to the Secretary-General's communication requesting views on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the second special session to express their views and would provide a suitable opportunity for those that had already replied to elaborate or clarify their views. At the end of the general exchange of views on Thursday, 7 May, the Committee might wish to request the Secretariat to prepare a short background paper providing an analysis, under appropriate headings, of the views expressed in the general exchange of views and in document A/AC.206/2 together with its addenda containing the written replies of Governments. After the preparation and examination of such a paper, the Committee could decide what future procedure should be adopted in order to advance to the next stage of its preparatory work, including consideration of the question of a possible draft final document for the special session.

6. With regard to agenda item 7 on the organization of the future work of the Preparatory Committee, the direction that the Committee might wish to set for itself would depend largely on the views expressed on agenda items 5 and 6, the two substantive items. The opinions stated within the context of that discussion, including the matter of a draft final document, would have a significant bearing on
any relevant decision concerning the organization and time-frame for the Committee's future preparatory work. He suggested, therefore, that the Committee should defer a final decision on agenda item 7 until a more appropriate stage during the latter part of its deliberations.

7. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed to his suggestions with regard to the organization of work.

8. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.