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The meeting was called to order at 3.50 p.m.

REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (A/AC.206/L.2)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited members of the Committee to consider document A/AC.206/L.2 paragraph by paragraph beginning with paragraph 31.

2. Paragraphs 31 to 48 were adopted.

3. Mr. ERSUN (Turkey) proposed that the last sentence of paragraph 49 should be amended in accordance with the suggestion by the French ambassador to read as follows: after "the committee of the whole would hear" the following words should be added "the opinions of the 56 non-governmental organizations and 23 peace and disarmament research institutions contained in [annex or document ]". In that connexion, the Committee took account of the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Liaison Group of the two NGO disarmament committees at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters.

4. Mr. OKAWA (Japan) said that he thought the word "statements" was more appropriate than "opinions" in the wording suggested by the representative of Turkey.

5. Mr. MENZIES (Canada) said that the use of the expression "contained" was unsatisfactory and he suggested that the word "listed" should be used.

6. It was so decided.

Paragraph 50

7. Mr. LIDGARD (Sweden) proposed that the following words should be added at the end of paragraph 50: "In this context it was observed that the General Assembly in resolution 36/92 G decided to submit the study on the relationship between disarmament and development to the special session for substantive consideration and with a view to taking appropriate measures in that field".

8. Mr. MILTON (United States of America) said that there was one item on the agenda that made provision for considering the special studies that had been carried out.

9. Mr. KATCHOURENKO (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) said that what was under discussion was the establishment of a working group and nothing else, and he accordingly saw no need to make reference to any research work carried out. He suggested that the proposed sentence by the representative of Sweden might be added somewhere else.

10. Mr. GARCIA ROBLES (Mexico) said that while his delegation was aware that item 9 referred to review of the implementation of the General Assembly's
resolutions on specific work, it believed that the Swedish proposal involved no
duplication of the recommendations or questions included in the agenda items but
related to the machinery and procedures referred to at the end of paragraph 50;
given the importance of the study and of the General Assembly's decision, it would
be worth while to make the addition suggested by Sweden.

11. **Mr. SUJA** (Czechoslovakia) said that he would prefer paragraph 50 to remain as
it stood.

12. **Mr. RAHMAN** (Bangladesh) said that in his view the Swedish proposal was very
important because, owing to the world economic situation, a reduction of
50 per cent in the budget of UNDP had been proposed. Accordingly he believed that
the proposal of the representative of Sweden should be added at the end of
paragraph 50 and not in some other place.

13. **Mr. ISSRAELYAN** (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that while there
could be no doubt about the importance of the relationship between disarmament and
development, he doubted whether paragraph 50 was the most suitable place for a
reference to it. Moreover, if that subject was highlighted, it would have the
effect of putting in second place other equally important questions, such as the
prevention of nuclear wars, whose extreme importance was undeniable. He proposed,
as a compromise, that at the end of paragraph 50 only the following words should be
added: ", taking into account the relevant decisions and recommendations of the
General Assembly".

14. **Mr. LIDGARD** (Sweden) said that he had no objection to the inclusion of the
theme of the prevention of nuclear wars in the proper context, but he had to insist
on his proposal in view of the fact that the first special session of the General
Assembly devoted to disarmament had decided that a study group would be set up on
the subject in question with a view to having its report considered at the second
special session and appropriate measures taken. If no mention was made of all
that, it would constitute an omission, particularly in relation to General Assembly
resolution 36/92 G. The subject should be mentioned either in paragraph 50 or
elsewhere in the report.

15. **Mr. de SOUSA E SILVA** (Brazil) proposed, as a compromise, that the proposal of
the Swedish delegation should be accepted and that the suggested sentence should be
added at the end of paragraph 50 together with the following words: "The
importance and urgency of substantive consideration of the Secretary-General's
reports to be submitted in accordance with resolution 36/81 B, on the prevention of
nuclear war, was also noted".

16. **Mr. ROSSIDES** (Cyprus) proposed that a reference should be added at the end of
paragraph 50 to the relationship between disarmament and international security,
which was the subject of document A/36/597.
17. Mr. Wegener (Federal Republic of Germany) said that he had no doubt at all about the importance or legitimacy of the subjects suggested, but he wanted to point out that it was essential to bear in mind the structure and the very nature of the Committee's draft report. In it no specific reference was made to any of the central themes which delegates had submitted because they considered them important and as deserving to be considered at the second special session; those subjects could be inferred from the list of the documents concerned. On the other hand, those subjects were mentioned specifically in the summary records and in the documents containing the replies of Governments to the requests in General Assembly resolution 36/81 A. Should the Committee decide to include the three most recent amendments his delegation would reserve the right to propose another amendment and had no doubt that other delegations would do the same.

18. Mr. Suja (Czechoslovakia) suggested that in order to close the matter the Soviet Union proposal should be adopted.

19. Mr. Lidgard (Sweden) insisted that reference should be made to the subject of the relationship between disarmament and development given the fact that a specific request of the General Assembly was involved. He agreed that it would also be important to mention the prevention of nuclear war and he accepted the Brazilian representative's proposal.

20. Mr. Isspablyan (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany was right to mention the possibility that different delegations assigned different degrees of importance to the subjects of all the existing studies; given the character of the USSR proposal, it should be possible for everyone to agree with it. Otherwise, he would prefer to leave paragraph 50 as it stood without making any amendment to it.

21. Mr. Lidgard (Sweden) said that the text proposed by him might, instead of being added at the end of paragraph 50, take the form of a foot-note to paragraph 38 (d).

22. Mr. Wegener (Federal Republic of Germany) emphasized that in a report which was merely an outline, in which only lists of documents were included, no subject could be singled out whatever its importance at the expense of other subjects and that applied whether it was done in the text or in foot-notes.

23. The Chairman suggested that instead of the addition proposed by the Swedish delegation to paragraph 50, the following should be added at the end of paragraph 38 (d): "and General Assembly resolution 36/92 Gy". That would leave paragraph 50 as it stood. If he heard no objection he would take it that the Committee accepted that proposal.

24. It was so decided.

25. Mr. Ant (Turkey), referring to paragraph 50 of the draft report contained in document A/AC.206/L.2, said that his delegation would have preferred the Preparatory Committee's recommendations on the structural arrangements for the organization of work of the Committee of the Whole to cover with equal precision...
all the questions which the Committee would have before it, in accordance with what was recommended in paragraph 41, now adopted. According to the recommendations in paragraph 41, all the items assigned to the Committee of the Whole were substantive items recommended for consideration at the special session. Nevertheless, since other working groups could be set up to consider all the questions under agenda items 11, 12 and 13, which were not covered by the agreed arrangements, his delegation had no objection to the adoption of paragraph 50 as it stood.

26. Mr. DE LA GONCE (France) observed that paragraph 15 of the draft report (A/AC.206/L.2) referred to the circulation as a document of the Preparatory Committee of the "Study on the implications of establishing an international satellite monitoring agency" (A/AC.206/14). He pointed out that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 34/83 E, "the study should be submitted no later than June 1981 to the Preparatory Committee for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament". Yet the study was not among the documents to be transmitted to the General Assembly at its special session (sect. VII of the draft report).

27. His delegation would like the Preparatory Committee's draft report to refer explicitly to the transmission of the "Study on the implications of establishing an international satellite monitoring agency" to the General Assembly at its special session.

28. After an exchange of views in which the Chairman, the representative of France, the Rapporteur and the representative of Mexico participated, the Chairman suggested to the Committee that paragraph 38 of its report should refer to the thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly, since at all of them decisions had been adopted concerning documents for the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. To accommodate the French delegation's views, he suggested to the Committee that the list of documents in section VII of the draft report should follow a chronological order; in other words, the documents referred to at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly should be placed first, followed by those referred to at the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions.

29. It was so decided.

30. Mr. ROSSIDES (Cyprus) said that his delegation would like to know how the "Study on the relationship between disarmament and international security" (A/36/597), which was referred to in paragraph 38 (j) of the draft report, would be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration at the second special session devoted to disarmament. Perhaps the beginning of paragraph 38 of the draft report should refer to the First Committee resolution which had requested the study.

31. The CHAIRMAN said it was clear that all the documents listed in the draft report would be considered at the special session whether or not the relevant resolutions were referred to in the draft report. The Secretary of the Committee would ensure that references to specific resolutions were included.
32. Mr. Economides (Italy) drew the Chairman's attention to paragraph 48 of the draft report and said that his delegation would like to reverse the order in which the organizations were mentioned in that paragraph. The Inter-Parliamentary Union should come before the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues, because the former was an official organization composed of parliamentarians who were entrusted with public responsibilities in their respective countries and, moreover, came from all the continents.

33. The Chairman said that the order in which the organizations were referred to in paragraph 48 did not in any way influence the order in which they would speak in the General Assembly; however he saw no objection to changing the order, as requested by the Italian delegation, in the final version of the report.

34. He suggested that the Committee should adopt paragraphs 51 and 52 of the draft report.

35. It was so decided.

36. Mr. Menzies (Canada) requested that the text of paragraph 53 of the draft report should be read out before it was adopted. His delegation understood that the Committee had agreed to the amendment proposed by the Japanese delegation as part of an addition to the draft resolution which would be submitted to the President of the General Assembly. The present text of paragraph 53 appeared not to reflect the idea contained in the Japanese delegation's proposal, and he wondered whether that meant that action had not yet been taken on that proposal or whether the Chairman of the Committee intended to communicate personally the content of the proposal to the President of the General Assembly.

37. The Chairman said that paragraph 53 of the draft report indeed made no mention of the draft resolution which the Japanese delegation had circulated informally. Paragraph 53 stated that the Assistant Secretary-General of the Centre for Disarmament had presented a tentative outline of some of the elements of a programme for a World Disarmament Campaign, but did not refer to the programme itself. As stated at the preceding meeting, he as Chairman would inform the President of the General Assembly that, in the Committee's opinion, if it was agreed to launch a World Disarmament Campaign at the beginning of the second special session, that should be done after the General Assembly had adopted by consensus a formal decision on the subject. In other words, a decision on the lines discussed at the Committee's preceding meeting would be adopted, and the text of the draft resolution which the Committee had considered informally would be communicated to the President of the General Assembly.

38. Mr. Menzies (Canada) proposed that, in the fourth line of the English version of paragraph 53, "the" should be replaced by "a" before the words "formal decision".

39. Mr. Okawa (Japan), speaking with reference to the informal proposal concerning the draft resolution submitted to the Committee at the preceding meeting, suggested that, at the end of the present text of paragraph 53 of the draft report, the following should be added: "and recommended that the General Assembly should
request the Secretary-General to submit a programme for the Campaign for consideration and adoption by the Assembly at its second special session devoted to disarmament".

40. After a brief exchange of views, Mr. ER SUN (Turkey), Rapporteur, read out paragraph 53 of the report (Conference Room Paper 1982/9, Add.3), as amended orally by the representatives of Japan and Mexico. The text read:

"53. At the same meeting, the Committee recommended that the President of the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament should launch the World Disarmament Campaign at the opening meeting of the session, following a formal decision to that effect. It also recommended that the President of the General Assembly should carry out the consultations it deemed appropriate in connexion with the best modalities for pledging contributions to the Campaign. At a previous meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Centre for Disarmament had presented a tentative outline of some of the elements of a programme for a World Disarmament Campaign to the Preparatory Committee, on its request. The Committee took note of that outline and recommended that the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General to submit a programme on the Campaign for consideration and adoption by the Assembly at its second special session devoted to disarmament".

41. The CHAIRMAN said that, if there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to approve paragraph 53, as orally amended, and the report as a whole (A/AC.206/L.2).

42. It was so decided.

COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

43. The CHAIRMAN thanked the participating delegations for their co-operation in the conscientious discharge of the Committee's programme of work and the Secretariat staff for the assistance they had rendered.

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.