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Chairman: Mr. ORTIZ de ROZAS 'Argentina'

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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

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1. Mr. ULUÇEVIK (Turkey) said experience showed that verification was one of the main factors necessary for success in negotiations on arms control and disarmament. It also showed that for the application of specific measures in the sphere of disarmament to be successful, there must exist a truly effective system of verification. Consequently, he supported the ideas expressed thus far in the Preparatory Committee with regard to that question. In particular, he welcomed the Netherlands proposal to establish an international disarmament organization which would act mainly in the sphere of verification (A/AC.187/108). He hoped that the Preparatory Committee would take favourable action on that proposal.

2. In view of the need for practical and effective systems that would strengthen mutual trust among States, France's proposal to establish an International Observation Satellite Agency (A/AC.187/105) was interesting. The working paper submitted by Austria under the title "Disarmament and verification" (A/AC.187/101) was also useful in drawing attention to that subject as a matter of the first importance.

3. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee would continue its deliberations as a Working Group.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.