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2. At that same plenary meeting on 17 July 1990, the Conference on Disarmament appointed Ambassador Mitsuro Donowaki of Japan as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Michael Cassandra of the United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs served as Secretary.

3. Also at that same plenary meeting on 17 July 1990, a delegation of a nuclear weapon State confirmed its previously announced decision that it would refrain from participating in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. A number of delegations regretted that decision and expressed the hope that it would be reconsidered at an early date.

4. The Ad Hoc Committee held 6 meetings from 20 July to 17 August 1990. In addition, the Chairman conducted a number of informal consultations with delegations.

5. At their request, the representatives of the following 16 States not Members of the Conference were invited to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee: Austria, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Honduras, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Zimbabwe.

6. The following official documents dealing with a nuclear test ban were presented to the Conference:

- CD/1010, dated 26 June 1990, submitted by the delegation of Norway, entitled "Verification of a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban: Report on the Workshop on Seismological Aspects of Nuclear Test Ban Verification in Oslo, Norway, 14-17 February 1990."
- CD/1016, dated 17 July 1990, entitled "Mandate for an ad hoc committee under agenda item 1."

In addition, the following working papers were presented to the Ad Hoc Committee:

- CD/NTB/WP.10, dated 25 July 1990, entitled "Message of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, H.E. Mr. Taro Nakayama, read out by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban at its first meeting on 20 July 1990".
- CD/NTB/WP.11, dated 31 July 1990, entitled "Statement by New Zealand Permanent Representative, Mr. T.J. Hannah, made at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban on 27 July 1990".
- CD/NTB/WP.12, dated 2 August 1990, submitted by the delegation of the United Kingdom, entitled "Seismic Monitoring for a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban" (re-submission of CD/610 of 9 July 1985).