

The Ad Hoc Group met from 2 to 13 March, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ola Dahlman of Sweden. At its 621st plenary meeting on 21 May 1992, the Conference took note of the sixth report of the Ad Hoc Group and adopted the recommendations contained in paragraph 11 of its progress report.

26. During the third part of its annual session, the Conference had before it the progress report of the Ad Hoc Group on its thirty-fourth session (CD/1163), which had taken place from 27 July to 7 August, under the continued Chairmanship of Dr. Ola Dahlman of Sweden. At its 632nd plenary meeting on 18 August 1992, the Conference adopted the recommendation contained in paragraph 15 of that report, thereby approving the dates of the next session of the Ad Hoc Group from 15 to 26 February 1993. Furthermore, as suggested by the Ad Hoc Group in paragraph 14 of the report, the President, with the agreement of the Conference, extended an invitation to the IAEA to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Group at its next session.

27. Throughout the session, a number of delegations commented in plenary meetings on the work of the Ad Hoc Group, as contained in the official records of the Conference.

28. The following documents were presented to the Conference under the agenda item:

(a) Document CD/1151, dated 1 June 1992, submitted by the delegation of Norway, transmitting a Summary of a Study on a Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty; and

(b) Document CD/1167, dated 14 August 1992, submitted by the delegation of Norway, transmitting a report of the Expert Study on Questions related to a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

29. At the start of the 1992 session, the President of the Conference carried out consultations on an appropriate organizational arrangement for agenda item 1, entitled "Nuclear Test Ban".

30. At the Conference's 612th plenary meeting on 13 February 1992, the President of the Conference appointed Ambassador Prakash Shah of India as Special Co-ordinator to seek agreement on such an organizational arrangement for agenda item 1.

31. At the Conference's 622nd plenary meeting on 26 May 1992, the nuclear-weapon State which had not participated in the previous work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban announced its decision to join the Ad Hoc Committee when it is re-established.

32. At the Conference's 631st plenary meeting on 13 August 1992, the Special Co-ordinator reported that he had carried out active and intensive consultations with delegations throughout the three parts of the annual session of the Conference this year, both bilaterally and through open-ended meetings, to ensure that there would be agreement among all delegations to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee with a mandate acceptable to all. A series of proposals on a draft mandate for the Ad Hoc Committee's re-establishment had been put forward and considered, along with a proposal for a programme of