

In order to avoid a polarization of the Conference, the Core Group agreed not to press for an immediate discussion of its Draft Convention. As a result the Chairman conducted the July meeting on the basis of a list of issues he had submitted and reflected the views expressed during the debate in a Negotiating Text on which he wants the Conference to focus when it reconvenes in March. In preparing this text the Chairman has drawn extensively on the Draft Convention, which bodes well for a successful conclusion of the Conference from Canada's point of view.