

## II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND DOCUMENTS

3. At its 446th plenary meeting, on 8 March 1988, the Conference on Disarmament appointed Ambassador Adolfo Taylhardat (Venezuela) as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee. Miss Aida Luisa Levin, Senior Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs, continued to serve as the Committee's Secretary.

4. The Ad Hoc Committee held 17 meetings between 8 March and 7 September 1988.

5. At their request, the Conference on Disarmament decided to invite the representatives of the following States not members of the Conference to participate in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee: Austria, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

6. In addition to the documents of the previous sessions and those submitted during the first part of the 1988 session, 1/ the Ad Hoc Committee had before it the following new documents:

CD/851 Proposed amendment to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, submitted by Venezuela (also issued as CD/OS/WP.24).

The Committee also had before it the following new working papers:

CD/OS/WP.23 Letter dated 23 May 1988 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament from the Permanent Representative of Canada, transmitting documents relating to the prevention of an arms race in outer space;

CD/OS/WP.24 Proposed amendment to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, submitted by Venezuela (also issued as CD/851);

CD/OS/WP.25 Working paper entitled "Strengthening of State practice under the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, to provide more timely and specific information concerning the function of satellites, including whether the satellite is fulfilling a civilian or military mission", submitted by Australia and Canada;

CD/OS/WP.26 Working paper entitled "Arms control and outer space. A retrospective review: 1982-1987", submitted by Canada;

CD/OS/WP.27 Working paper on the use of certain terms relating to arms control and outer space, submitted by Canada.