

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): I have no further speakers on the list for today. Does any other delegation wish to take the floor?

As announced at the beginning of this plenary meeting, I shall now suspend the meeting and convene the informal meeting devoted to item 1 of our agenda, "Nuclear test ban". In order to permit additional consultations on that topic, we shall resume the plenary meeting in 20 minutes' time. Once consideration of this first matter is complete, we shall devote a few minutes to the draft communication to the International Atomic Energy Agency which the secretariat has circulated today, so that we can finalize our decision on it when we resume the plenary meeting.

The plenary meeting is suspended. We shall meet again in 20 minutes in this room.

The meeting was suspended at 10.55 a.m. and resumed at 12.15 p.m.

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): The 659th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament is resumed.

The Conference has before it a draft decision circulated by the secretariat and dated today concerning agenda item 1. I understand that the text of this draft has been the subject of intensive consultations as a result of which there is a consensus concerning it, subject to one slight change in the first preambular paragraph, namely the deletion of the word "recent". That being the case, and if there is no objection, I shall submit the draft as amended to the Conference for decision. Do I take it that the Conference adopts the draft?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): I should say that this decision is without prejudice for the consultations being conducted in New York to the same end as we are seeking and with a view to facilitating the negotiation of a comprehensive test-ban treaty.