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5. In paragraph 8, the working paper NPT/CONF.III/51 then moved back to section II of the programme of work of Committee III (NPT/CONF.III/C.III/3) and included a paragraph on the importance of the Committee on Assurance of Supply (CAS) of the IAEA. The sponsors considered it most important that account should be taken of the long hours spent in that Committee reconciling many different views and producing what was an almost complete set of principles for nuclear trade, the necessary basis for the proper functioning of article IV.

6. The Committee had heard much discussion of the problem of financing major nuclear projects; document NPT/CONF.III/21 had recognized the problem and suggested that it should be addressed in appropriate fora. Paragraph 9 of the working paper under study suggested that IAEA might be asked to look closely at that problem. It also referred to the importance of IAEA work in the area of feasibility studies and development of infrastructure and to its Small and Medium Power Reactor Study. Finally, since many of the issues discussed in Committee III would also form the substance of the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, the sponsors had felt it useful to include a reference to that Conference in paragraph 10.

7. Mr. DE ROSENZWEIG-DÍAZ (Mexico), introducing the working paper of the States Members of the Non-aligned Group containing formulations for the final declaration on article IV of the Treaty (NPT/CONF.III/52), said that nearly 80 per cent of the working paper was based on the document submitted to the second Review Conference by the Group of 77 (NPT/CONF.II/C.II/34) and that it reproduced views that were unfortunately still valid with respect to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the core of the implementation of article IV of the Treaty. In particular, it emphasized that non-proliferation should not serve as a pretext to prevent States from acquiring and developing nuclear technology for peaceful uses. Some paragraphs were new. For example, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 referred to the problem of discrimination and nuclear co-operation with South Africa and Israel. Paragraph 13 (X) appealed to parties to provide technical assistance to Iraq, whose nuclear reactor had been destroyed, a figure should be set in that connection. The paper included an appeal to IAEA to implement resolution 439 of the IAEA General Conference GC(XXVIII)/RES/439, regarding assistance to least developed countries, and a reference to the importance of the work of the Committee on Assurance of Supply of IAEA.

8. Mr. BRACEGIRDLE (New Zealand) said that the two working papers submitted represented valuable contributions to the final declaration on article IV of the Treaty. Supported by Mr. FAHMY (Egypt), Mr. NORDENFELT (Sweden) and Mr. KONSTANTINOV (Bulgaria), he proposed that the Chairman should be authorized to prepare a consolidated text for the delegates' consideration drawing on the statements heard in Committee III, the relevant comments in the plenary and the papers tabled in the Committee.

9. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 6 p.m.