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46. Mr. MGOKWERE (Nigeria) supported the proposal that the meeting should be adjourned for informal consultations.

47. The CHAIRMAN said that that would unfortunately be impossible since conference facilities would not be available. He believed, like most delegations, that talks could continue informally on the issue, but they could take place after the Committee had concluded its final meeting, since there would be enough time before the Conference reviewed the final document. He suggested that paragraph 7 of the introductory part of the report should be reworded to read: "The Committee considered at its fifth meeting the following formulations for the Final Declaration of the Conference. However, due to disagreement on item IX, the Committee was unable to adopt it as a whole."

The meeting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 1.25 p.m.

48. Mr. WAYARABI (Indonesia) said that an understanding had been reached among delegations of the non-aligned group, who wished to propose the following new wording for paragraph 7:

"The Committee considered at its fifth meeting the following formulations for the Final Declaration of the Conference. However, due to disagreement on item IX, the Committee was unable to reach a consensus on the report as a whole."

49. In reply to a question from the CHAIRMAN, Mr. WAYARABI (Indonesia) agreed that that wording could be interpreted as meaning that the Committee had failed to reach consensus on the technical part as well as on the substantive part of the report. His proposed solution would mean that the debate could be reopened by any delegation when the draft report reached the next stage of consideration. He believed that that practice had already been established in Conference negotiations. However, given that part of the report had already been fully discussed, he did not think that it would be difficult to adopt the report. The text to be used for item IX should be the original text proposed by the delegation of Nigeria, as amended by the representative of Egypt, with specific mention made of South Africa and Israel, reading as follows:

"The Conference expresses great and serious concern about the nuclear capability of South Africa and Israel and that the development of such a capability by South Africa and Israel would undermine the credibility and stability of the non-proliferation Treaty régime.

"The Conference notes the demands made on all States to suspend any co-operation which would contribute to the nuclear programme of South Africa and Israel. The Conference further notes the demands made on South Africa and Israel to accede to the NPT, to accept IAEA safeguards on all their nuclear facilities and to pledge themselves not to manufacture or acquire nuclear weapons or other explosive devices."

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50. The CHAIRMAN said that, since the use of the words "report as a whole" proposed by the representative of Indonesia implied that paragraph 7 itself had not been agreed upon, the proposed amendment should read "... was unable to adopt the substantive part of the report as a whole".

51. Mr. SOLTANIEH (Islamic Republic of Iran) proposed that, in order to clarify the situation, the word "following" should be inserted, so that the final part of the sentence would read "adopt the following substantive part of the report as a whole".

52. Mr. JACOBY (Canada) said that, although in the interests of consensus the proposed solution might have to be sufficient, he wished to point out that much progress had been made in the informal discussions regarding item IX and that no delegation had said that it wished to block the language of the revised version, although some had reservations in that regard. It would therefore be regrettable to return to the language of the original text produced by the delegation of Nigeria. His delegation therefore favoured the use of the text read out by the representative of Nigeria at the current meeting.

53. The CHAIRMAN said that the view of the Canadian delegate would be recorded, but he did not think that that proposal would produce a consensus. However, he urged delegations to continue to work towards a consensus on item IX. The Committee's consideration of the report was therefore concluded. After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRMAN declared that the Committee had completed its work.

The meeting rose at 1.40 p.m.