The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

Exchange of views (continued)

1. The Chairman invited the Committee to resume its first reading of the Chairman's draft of the report of Main Committee II (NPT/CONF.2000/MC.II/___), leaving aside the section on export controls and all action-oriented recommendations on the subject. There it had been felt that a compromise solution could best be achieved if they were dealt with in informal, open-ended consultations; and he had asked Mr. Schmidt of Austria to direct those consultations. Accordingly, the Committee would continue its consideration of the paragraphs in the section on conclusions and recommendations.

Paragraph 15

2. Mr. Turner (Slovakia) proposed inserting, in the last sentence, the phrase "in an effective and efficient manner" between the words "will provide" and "increased confidence".

3. Mr. Papadimitropoulos (Greece) said that it was not correct to state in the final sentence that the measures in the Model Additional Protocol had now become an integral part of the IAEA safeguards system, because as yet they had not.

4. Mr. Raja Adnan (Malaysia) said that the members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries had accordingly, in document NPT/CONF.2000/MC.II/CRP.7, proposed replacing the words "have now" in the last sentence of paragraph 15 with the words "will eventually".

5. Mr. Neve (United Kingdom) said that the expression "will eventually" was too cautious, because the measures were in the process of being introduced. His delegation proposed instead substituting the phrase "are now being introduced as" for the phrase "have now become".

6. Mr. Hosseini (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that there were repetitions in the wording of paragraphs 15, 16 and 18 that required editorial revision.

7. Mr. Fernandes (Brazil) proposed replacing the term "wider access" in the second sentence of paragraph 15 by the term "complementary access" in keeping with the wording of the Model Additional Protocol.

Paragraph 16

8. Mr. Neve (United Kingdom) said that it was not clear what was meant by the expression "symbiotic relationship" in the third sentence, and that it would probably be safest to keep to the language of article 1 of the Model Additional Protocol.

Paragraph 17

9. Mr. Raja Adnan (Malaysia) said that, in document NPT/CONF.2000/MC.II/CRP.7, the non-aligned countries, bearing in mind that one of the arguments put forward by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was that the measures in the Model Additional Protocol would eventually result in a reduction in the level of traditional verification, had proposed replacing the words "corresponding changes" in the third sentence by the words "eventual reduction".

10. Mr. Turner (Slovakia) proposed that, in the same sentence, the expression "increased confidence" should be replaced by the expression "credible assurance". The current full-scope safeguards offered a certain level of assurance, and the Model Additional Protocol would provide increased assurance. The goal should therefore be that the integrated system would in the future provide a credible assurance.

11. Mr. Papadimitropoulos (Greece) proposed that, at the beginning of the paragraph, the Conference should not simply note the high priority that IAEA attached to an integrated system, but rather endorse it.

Paragraph 18

12. Mr. Zahran (Egypt), supported by Mr. Hosseini (Iran) and Mr. Markram (South Africa), said that, as proposed by the non-aligned countries in their conference room paper, the words "all non-nuclear-weapon States parties" in the first sentence should be replaced by the words "all States parties".

13. Mr. Papadimitropoulos (Greece) said that the expression "to conclude and bring into force" in the last sentence was redundant and should be replaced by the phrase "implement as soon as possible".

14. Mr. Rosenthal (United States of America) said that the final sentence in paragraph 18 was action-oriented and should therefore be moved to the section in the Chairman's draft containing action-oriented recommendations. The same applied to the