

52. The CHAIRMAN proposed, in the light of the consultations which had been held, that the Committee should provisionally agree, subject to further consultations to be conducted by the Chairman, that the second session would be held in Geneva from 27 April to 8 May 1998, the third session would be held in New York from 12 to 23 April 1999, and the 2000 NPT Review Conference would be held in New York from 24 April to 19 May 2000.
53. Mr. GARCÍA (Colombia), speaking on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned and other States parties to the Treaty, said that, with regard to the venues, he could go along with the Chairman's proposal, subject to further consultations. As to the dates, in the absence of a specific mandate, he could accept the Chairman's proposal, provided that there were no objections to it on the part of any delegation.
54. The CHAIRMAN said that he took it that the Committee agreed to his proposal.
55. It was so decided.
56. Mr. DEGHANI (Islamic Republic of Iran) said he took it that the mention of Main Committee I issues, Main Committee II issues, and so on, in the Chairman's working paper was purely for ease of reference.
57. The CHAIRMAN said it was his understanding that the material arranged according to the structure of the Chairman's paper and each heading and subheading did not necessarily reflect the degree to which substantive issues had been addressed at the current session, and that the discussion on substance under each heading would continue at further sessions, at which time, delegations would be free to submit new proposals or modify or withdraw existing proposals. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the report.
58. It was so decided.
59. Mr. GARCÍA (Colombia), speaking on behalf of the Group of Non-Aligned and other States parties to the Treaty, said that he wished to place on record the following:
- "The Non-Aligned Movement wishes to underline that the points identified at this stage, subject to review and updating at subsequent sessions of the Preparatory Committee, and pending agreement on all draft recommendations at the last session, are not draft recommendations for the 2000 NPT Review Conference. The draft recommendations will begin to be prepared at the second session of the Preparatory Committee on the basis of proposals put forward by delegations, and they will, in the view of the Non-Aligned Movement, be more substantive and extensive. The points reflected in this report may be utilized as a reference."