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DECISION

ATTENDANCE AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, SPECIALISED AGENCIES, OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND STATUS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

The Conference

Recalling that, in respect of invitations to international organisations, specialised agencies and other international bodies to attend the First Session of the Conference, the Commission, in its Final Report, paragraph 23.1, while recognising that the final decision regarding their attendance will be taken by the Conference, authorised the Executive Secretary of the Commission to extend invitations to a number of them, listed in PC-XVI/FS/2, to attend the First Session.

Recalling further that, in respect of invitations to non-governmental organisations, including associations of the chemical industry ("NGOs"), the Commission, in its Final Report, paragraph 23.2, and while recognising that the Conference will have final responsibility for the modalities governing NGOs, invited applications from NGOs describing the criteria for applicants and the status of NGOs attending the Conference. The Commission also agreed on the recommended status to be accorded to NGOs at the First Session, as contained in PC-XVI/FS/1/Rev.1, paragraph 3,

Bearing in mind that the Commission recommended in paragraph 23.3 of its Final Report that the Conference confirm the invitation to attend the First Session extended by the Commission to certain international organisations, specialised agencies and other international bodies; that the Conference invite those NGOs that applied to attend the First Session; and that the Conference accord to the invited NGOs the status recommended by the Commission.

Hereby:

- 1. **Confirms** the invitation to attend the First Session of the Conference extended by the Commission to the international organisations, specialised agencies and other international bodies listed in Annex 1 hereto;
- 2. **Invites** the NGOs listed in Annex 2 hereto to attend the First Session of the Conference; and

- 3. **Decides** to accord to the invited NGOs the following status:
 - (a) NGOs will be responsible for all expenses relating to their attending the First Session of the Conference;
 - (b) representatives of NGOs may be invited, subject to the decision of the Conference, to attend public meetings of the plenary sessions of the Conference;
 - (c) NGOs will be issued with name tags, which must be worn within the Netherlands Conference Centre (NCC);
 - (d) the names of NGOs will not appear on desks/tables in the conference rooms;
 - (e) NGOs will not have the right to address meetings of the Conference; and
 - (f) NGOs may place literature for distribution only at designated places outside the conference rooms in the NCC.

Annexes

Annex 1

LIST OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)

Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

United Nations (UN)

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

World Custom Organisation (WCO)

World Health Organisation (WHO)

World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

World Trade Organisation (**WTO**)

The Executive Secretary was also authorised to extend an invitation to the Conference on Disarmament.

In addition, the International Committee of the Red Cross was invited to attend the First Session of the Conference.

Annex 2

LIST OF NGOs INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

Association Internationale des Soldats de la Paix, Lyon France

Bonn International Center for Conversion - BICC, Bonn Germany

Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute - CBACI, Alexandria, VA., U.S.A.

Conseil Europeen de l'Industrie Chimique - C.E.F.I.C., Brussels, Belgium

Centre for Peace Studies

Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, U.K.

EG&G Benelux B.V., Breda, Netherlands

Green Cross / Legacy Programme, Basel, Switzerland

Harvard Sussex Program, University of Sussex, Brighton, U.K.

International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, The Hague, Netherlands

International Federation of University Women - IFUW, Geneva, Switzerland

International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies - IINS, New Delhi, India

The Markland Group, Ontario, Canada

Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, Ca., U.S.A.

Mountbatten Centre for International Studies, University of Southampton, U.K.

Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, Suva, Fiji

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany

Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, Geneva, Switzerland

Science Applications International Corporation - SAIC, Virginia, U.S.A.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute - SIPRI, Frosunda, Sweden

Verification Technology Information Centre - VERTIC, London, U.K.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - WILPF, Geneva, Switzerland

World Veterans Federation (Fédération Mondiale des Anciens Combattants), Paris, France

Young Europeans for Security - YES, Utrecht, Netherlands