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Email exchange following up on oral history interview regarding the 1995 NPT review conference.

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A follow-up conducted by Michal Onderco by e-mail on 4 July 2017

Michal Onderco: To the best of your recollection, do you remember whether: MO: Both Sven Jurschewsky and Peter Goosen had the same view regarding the desirable outcome of the Review Conference?

HM: I do not recall any significant differences. Both preferred indefinite extension, both wished to extract concessions from the NWS in return

MO: There was an agreement to tacitly cooperate towards that outcome?

HM: Not explicitly. There may have been something like "let's talk about this further", but I could not swear on it. The two went well along with each other, and I would not exclude that this encounter was not the first one on which they talked together on this matter.

MO: There was any discussion about the means? Has an idea of the document such as the Principles & Objectives been floated; or has this been just a broad debate about "the state of affairs"?

HM: There was a clear notion of a more intense review process and of a "standard" against which the review should be conducted (including assessing progress in disarmament)

MO: There was any discussion about the views of the domestic political leadership (in Canada and South Africa) regarding the desired outcome of the RevCon?

HM: No. Neither made the impression as if this talk was in any way risky or in tension with superiors or the top of government. Nothing along these lines has been uttered to my recollection.