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**SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PPNN CORE GROUP
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1. General

The Core Group of the Programme for Promoting Nuclear Non-Proliferation held its seventh meeting at the Graduate Institute of the University of Geneva from 23-24th June; at the Geneva Conference Centre on 25th June and again at the Graduate Institute of the 26th of June. This meeting was organised jointly by the Programme for Strategic and International Studies (PSIS) of the Graduate Institute and the Centre for International Policy Studies of the University of Southampton. All members of the Core Group attended this meeting except Roland Timerbaev.

Mrs Hilary Palmer was also present as an observer from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Dr Arpad Prandler, Provisional Secretary-General of the Fourth NPT Review Conference, attended the substantive parts of the meeting as an observer from the United Nations in New York, and Michael Wilmshurst, Director of the Division of External Relations, attended as an observer from the IAEA. The meetings were also attended by an invited paper presenter, Dr Gordon Thompson (Institute for Resource and Security Studies, assisted by Dr. Paula Gutlove, and by five additional observers, Ambassador Victor Israelian (former Head of the USSR Permanent Mission to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva); Ms. Merle Opelz (IAEA representative in Geneva); Professor William Potter (Monterey Institute of International Studies); Dr Fred Tanner (PSIS, Graduate Institute, Geneva University) and Dr Peter Tempus (former Head of IAEA Safeguards). Some 14 students from the Diplomatic Training Course at the PSIS also observed the meeting during the afternoon of Sunday, 24th June, while those members of diplomatic missions in Geneva listed in Annex 1 attended the Seminar at the Conference Centre on Monday, 25th June.

The conference was serviced by two members of the PPNN staff from Southampton, Dr Darryl Howlett and Mrs Carol Willison, and by Ms. Yvetta Pass from the Graduate Institute.

The following summary report is intended as an 'aide memoire' for participants and to give funding organisations a general idea of what transpired. The report has not been formally adopted or agreed to by the participants. It notes points raised and proposals made, but does not pretend to attribute any particular opinions to individual participants.

2. Programme of Work

The Core Group adopted the agenda (PPNN/CG7/1) and the Programme of Work (PPNN/CG7/2). Its substantive discussions involved considerations of presentations on "Amending the NPT System" by Dr Gordon Thompson; "Nuclear Supply and Changes in Eastern and Western Europe" by Lewis Dunn and on "Issues at the NPT review

conference" by John Simpson. The Monday Seminar for Geneva Diplomats involved activities by all members of the Core Group, as set out in Annex 2.

3. Directors Report

i. Guernsey Conference for working level diplomats likely to attend the NPT review conference, 11-14 May, 1990

The directors circulated a written report on the above conference, together with copies of letters commenting on the conference from participants. They highlighted the positive responses received from participants in this conference and the success of the changed agenda and working methods that were used compared to the May 1989 conference.

ii. Seminar on Monday, 24th June

The Directors explained the arrangements for this and circulated the document PPNN/CG7/3 describing them (reproduced in Annex 2).

iii. Directors Activities

The directors reported on the eight meetings and conferences that one or other had attended since the November 1989 Core group meeting.

iv. Publications

The directors reported that two further editions of the Newsbrief (Nos. 8 & 9) had been published, as had Occasional Paper 5 New Concepts in Nuclear Arms Control: Verified Cutoff and Verified Disposal by Warren Donnelly and Lawrence Scheinman and Occasional Paper 6 Falling Into Line? France and the NPT by Harald Mueller.

Copies of Volume II of the PPNN Briefing Book for the review conference were distributed to members of the Core Group. This contained copies of documentation relevant to the review conference.

v. Outreach Activities

The directors reported on the PPNN outreach programme, particularly the Media Conference organised in Washington by APCO in February to launch PPNN Occasional Paper Number 5, New Concepts in Nuclear Arms Control: Verified Cutoff and Verified Disposal by Warren Donnelly and Lawrence Scheinman. They also reported on the PPNN input into the meeting on proliferation organised by the Groupe de Bellerive from 20-21 June.

vi. Finance

The directors commented on expenditure to the end of May, as set

out in PPNN/CG7/4. They remained optimistic that annual expenditure would remain within the limits of the budget.

4.Future Activities

i.Publications

It was reported that Occasional Paper 7, Argentina and Brazil: An Evolving Nuclear Relationship by John Redick and Occasional Paper 8, The Need for a Strong Non-Proliferation Treaty: Issues at the Fourth NPT Review Conference by John Simpson and Darryl Howlett were in an advanced state of preparation for printing, and it was hoped to distribute them with Newsbrief 10 in late July.

Volume I of the PPNN Briefing Book, containing an analysis of issues with supporting materials, was also in an advanced state of preparation. It was intended to circulate copies of both volumes to all delegations in Geneva and to all those individuals who had attended the Guernsey Conferences in early August.

ii.Activities at the Review Conference

It was agreed that PPNN would list Ben Sanders, John Simpson, Joseph Goldblat, Harald Mueller and David Fischer as its representatives at the review conference.

There was considerable discussion about the form and date of a a PPNN press event at the review conference, and it was decided to hold a press breakfast at the Intercontinental Hotel on the morning of Wednesday, 22 August.

iii.Core Group Meeting

The eighth and last Core Group meeting of this phase of the program would be held in the University of Virginia in Charlottesville from 8-11 November. The main purpose would be to review both the PPNN program and the events at the NPT review conference.

Among suggestion for discussion alongside this review were to invite a speaker from JAIF to discuss the Japanese nuclear fuel cycle; to examine German and European policies towards nuclear non-proliferation with a view to publishing an Occasional Paper on this topic, and a paper on Open Skies proposals and their relevance to non-proliferation strategies.

5.The Extension of PPNN Beyond the End of 1990

The directors introduced the discussion by circulating the programme proposal document covering 1990-95 they had prepared and circulated to some of the funders. In the discussion which followed, it was suggested that the estimates in this document would have to be revised upwards by raising the pound/dollar exchange rate to 1.85 and assuming a higher rate of inflation and

airline costs. It was also proposed that the reformed Core Group should meet for the first time in May 1991 rather than in October. The directors indicated that it was their intention to make formal approaches to funders based on a revised budget by early July.

6. Reports by Core Group Members

A number of Core Group members made statements concerning developments in nuclear non-proliferation policy.

7. Briefings by Core group members and Invited Speakers

The following presentation and discussion sessions took place:

Saturday, 23rd June

Gordon Thompson - "Amending the NPT System".

Sunday, 24th June

Lewis Dunn - " Nuclear Supply and Changes in East and West Europe"

John Simpson - " Issues at the NPT Review Conference".

8. PPNN Seminar for Senior Diplomats, 25th June

This took place on 25th June on the basis of the programme in Annex 2 and with the attendees listed in Annex 1. All those attending were provided with copies of Volume II of the PPNN Briefing Book.

9. Debriefing on the Senior Diplomats Seminar

Before dispersing, the Core Group held a short meeting on the morning of 26th June to discuss significant issues which had arisen in the course of the previous day's seminar.

Annex A

Senior Diplomats Participating in Briefing Seminar on NPT Review
Conference: Monday, 25 June 1990

1. Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, Groupe de Bellerive;
2. Minister H. von Arx, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs;
3. Amb. Emeka Ayo Azikiwi, Nigeria;
4. Minister S. Batsanov, USSR;
5. Mr. Felix Calderon, Peru;
6. Mr. Dimitrije Culafic, Yugoslavia;
7. Amb. Mitsuro Donowaki, Japan;
8. Amb. P. Dietze, German Democratic Republic;
9. Amb. Nabil A. Elaraby, Egypt;
10. Mr. Andreas Fischer, German Democratic Republic;
11. Amb. Michael Flynn, Ireland;
12. Mr. Andreas Friedrich, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs;
13. Mr. Max Gevers, Netherlands;
14. Amb. Carl-Magnus Hyltenius, Sweden;
15. Mr. D. Käslin, Swiss Federal Military Department;
16. Mr. Ian Kenyon, United Kingdom;
17. Amb. Juraj Kralik, Czechoslovakia;
18. Amb. Y. Nazarkin, USSR;
19. Amb. H. Newlin, USA;
20. Mr. Aapo Pöyhö, Finland;
21. Amb. Harun-ur Rashid, Bangladesh;
22. Amb. David Reese, Australia;
23. Amb. Oswaldo de Rivero, Peru;
24. Mr. A.W.JU. Robertson, Canada;
25. Dr. Igor N. Scherbak, USSR;
26. Mr. Carlo Selvaggi, Italy;
27. Amb. Alioune Sene, Senegal;
28. Amb. Bogumil Sujka, Poland;
29. Amb. Oscar Vaerno, Norway;
30. Amb. Hendrik Wagenmakers, Netherlands;
31. Mr. H. Wayarabi, Indonesia;
32. Mr. Zniber, Morocco.

Annex 2

PPNN SEMINAR FOR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN GENEVA

Monday, 25th June

Each session commenced with brief statements by members of the panel (about seven and a half minutes), and then moved to general discussion:

- 09:30-09:40 Opening Remarks by the Chairman of the PPNN Core Group, Mr. Ben Sanders.
- 09:40-10:50 Session 1: Article 6: Disarmament.
Chairman:
Ambassador Mohamed Shaker
Panel/Presenters:
Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala (CTBT);
Dr. Lewis Dunn (START, missiles and chemicals);
Ambassador Oleg Grinevsky (INF, CFE and short-range nuclear missiles).
- 10:50-11:15 Coffee.
- 11:15-13:00 Session 2: Compliance with Articles 1, 2 and 3, and prospects for Article 7.
Chairman:
Ambassador Jorge Morelli-Pando
Panel/Presenters:
Dr. Jozef Goldblat (Prospects for Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones and Security Assurances);
Dr. Harald Müller (Compliance with Articles 1, 2 and 3 and Problems of Nuclear Export Controls).
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch at the Conference Centre.
- 14:30-15:45 Session 3: Articles 3 and 4: Peaceful Uses and IAEA Safeguards.
Chairman:
Dr. Benson Agu.
Panel/Presenters:
Dr. Warren Donnelly (Future of Nuclear Energy Programmes - Power, Military Propulsion and Non-Power Uses);
Dr. Walter Rehak (IAEA Safeguards and Measures needed for their further development).
- 15:45-16:15 Tea

- 16:15-16:45 Session 4: Articles 8 and 10: The 1995
Extension Conference.
Chairman:
Mr. Ian Smart.
Panel/Presenter:
Mr. David Fischer.
- 16:45-17:10 Session 5: Briefing on Progress over Chemical
Weapon agreement and other issues discussed
in the Conference on Disarmament:
- Chairman:
Dr. John Simpson
Panel/Presenter:
Minister S. Batsanov (USSR)
- 17:10-18:15 Session 6: Mechanics and Procedures of NPT
Review Conferences
Chairman:
Dr. John Simpson
Panel/Presenters:
Ambassador Mohamed Shaker (The Role of the
Presidency);
Mr. Ben Sanders (The Role of the Secretariat,
the United Nations and the IAEA);
Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala (Working
Groups, Committees and their organisation and
State Groupings).