

**FIFTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE  
STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND  
STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL  
(BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS  
AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. At its 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting, on 19 November 2001, the Review Conference decided, in accordance with rule 35 of its Rules of Procedure, to establish a Committee of the Whole to consider in detail the substantive issues relevant to the Convention with a view to facilitating the work of the Conference.
2. At the same meeting on 19 November 2001, the Conference elected by acclamation Ambassador Markku Reimaa (Finland) as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and Minister Counsellor Alfredo Labbé (Chile) and Ambassador Krzysztof Jakubowski (Poland) as Vice-Chairmen.
3. At its 1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting on 19 November 2001, the Conference decided that the Committee of the Whole should undertake the review of the various articles and provisions of the Convention under agenda items 10 (b) and 10 (c), as well as to consider items 11, 12 and 13 as follows:
  - Agenda item 10. Review of the operation of the Convention as provided for in its Article XII.
    - (b) Articles I-XV.
    - (c) Preambular paragraphs and purposes of the Convention.
  - Agenda item 11. Consideration of issues identified in the review of Article XII contained in the Final Declaration of the Fourth Review Conference, and possible follow-up action.
  - Agenda item 12. Work done to strengthen the Convention in accordance with the decision of the 1994 Special Conference.
  - Agenda item 13. Other matters, including the question of future review of the Convention.
4. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 21 November 2001, at the suggestion of the Chairman, the Committee of the Whole approved its method of work. The Committee also examined agenda items 11, 12 and 13.

5. The Committee of the Whole held seven meetings during the period from 21 November to 29 November 2001. In addition, the Committee also held informal consultations.

6. In the course of the work of the Committee a number of proposals were presented on the Articles of the Convention. These proposals appear in the Annex of this report. Intensive discussions were held on these proposals, which included further verbal proposals and suggested amendments to the proposals. The written proposals provided and the discussion in the Committee of the Whole will, *inter alia*, form the basis for work in the Drafting Committee. At its seventh and final meeting on 29 November 2001, the Committee of the Whole adopted its report.