

Major Programme 6:



Policy Making Organs

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2 HRS

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6 HRS

10 HRS

1 DAY

2 DAYS

1 WEEK

2 WEEKS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACTIVITIES IN 2005

The Preparatory Commission was chaired in 2005 by Ambassador Taous Feroukhi (Algeria). Following the resignation of Ambassador Tibor Tóth from the post of Chairperson of Working Group A (WGA), the Commission appointed Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano (Mexico) to this post on an interim basis for the Twenty-Seventh Session of WGA and for the joint meeting of Working Groups A and B held on 1 September. Subsequently, the Commission appointed Ambassador Abdulkadir Bin Rimdap (Nigeria) to the post for a two year term with effect from 3 October 2005 and reappointed Mr André Gué (France) as Chairperson of the Advisory Group (AG) for a three year term beginning on 16 May 2006. The Commission also decided that the term of office of the Chairperson of Working Group B (WGB) should be three years.

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The Commission's subsidiary bodies, WGA, WGB and the AG, each held two sessions in 2005. To facilitate the timely consideration of matters related to the Programme and Budget, the Twenty-Fifth Session of WGB and the Twenty-Fourth Session of the AG were each divided into two parts with an interval of several weeks.

With regard to the organization and methods of work of its subsidiary bodies, the Commission decided that the term of office of the Chairperson of WGA should be two years and, following the resignation of Ambassador Tibor Tóth from this post, appointed Ambassador Abdulkadir Bin Rimdap (Nigeria) as Chairperson of WGA with effect from 3 October 2005. The Commission decided that the term of office of the Chairperson of WGB should be three years and that Mr Ola Dahlman (Sweden) should serve in this post for another four months from the date of the decision. The Commission also reappointed Mr André Gué (France) as Chairperson of the AG for a three year term beginning on 16 May 2006.

Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano (Mexico) was appointed as Chairperson of WGA on an interim basis for its Twenty-Seventh Session and for the joint meeting of Working Groups A and B held on 1 September. Ambassador Rimdap chaired the Twenty-Eighth Session of WGA. WGA made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on administrative and budgetary matters, including the report of the External Auditor.

WGB, chaired by Mr Dahlman, made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on a range of verification related issues. Special attention was devoted to OSI issues, including planning and preparations for the IFE in 2008, the main phase of SPT1, the contract procurement process for the next generation of the GCI and a possible contribution of the Commission to a tsunami warning system.

A joint meeting of WGA and WGB was held on 1 September to discuss the final report on the review of the organizational structure of the PTS. A Chairpersons' summary of the proceedings of this joint meeting was issued.

The AG, chaired by Mr Gué, considered and provided advice on financial, budgetary and administrative issues.