

The background image shows a large, modern conference room with a curved ceiling and many people seated at tables. The room is brightly lit, and the ceiling features a grid of recessed lights. The walls are dark, and there are several microphones and water jugs on the tables. The overall atmosphere is professional and formal.

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The Preparatory Commission was chaired for the first six months of 2000 by H.E. Ambassador Pavel Vacek, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic, and for the second half of the year by H.E. Ambassador Olga Pellicer, Permanent Representative of Mexico. The Commission held three sessions in 2000 and, in addition to the matters pertaining to its work programme, adopted decisions, inter alia, on an Agreement to Regulate the Relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and on the Signature and Ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty on the Occasion of the Millennium Summit.

The Preparatory Commission's subsidiary bodies, Working Group A (WGA) and Working Group B (WGB) and its Advisory Group, each met three times in 2000. WGA, which was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Tibor Tóth, Permanent Representative of Hungary, made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on administrative and budgetary matters, including the approval of the Financial Rules of the Commission.

WGB, chaired by Mr. Ola Dahlman (Sweden), considered verification related issues. The recommendations of WGB, subsequently adopted by the Commission, addressed, inter alia, the content of the 2000 and 2001 verification work programmes and the draft Agreement between the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The Advisory Group, chaired by Mr. André Gué (France), considered and provided advice on financial, budgetary and administrative issues, including the 1999 accounts of the Commission and the draft Financial Rules.

