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**Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force
of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty**

New York, 29 September 2015

PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

With reference to sub-items 2(a) through 2(g) of the draft provisional agenda (CTBT-Art.XIV/2015/2) of the ninth Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (hereinafter called “the Conference”), ratifying and signatory States have reached at their open-ended informal consultations in Vienna the following agreements on procedural and organizational matters, which are to be acted upon by the Conference as suggested below.

Sub-item 2(a): Election of the Presidency

Japan and Kazakhstan have been nominated to serve in the office of the Presidency of the Conference, and their representatives in Vienna have been selected as Presidents-designate to preside over the informal preparations for the Conference. It is suggested that the Conference elect Japan and Kazakhstan in the Office of the Presidency of the Conference by acclamation.

Sub-item 2(b): Adoption of the rules of procedure

The draft rules of procedure contained in document CTBT-Art.XIV/2015/1 have been agreed upon. It is suggested that the Conference adopt these rules of procedure.

Sub-item 2(c): Adoption of the agenda

The draft provisional agenda of the Conference contained in document CTBT-Art.XIV/2015/2 has been agreed upon. It is suggested that the Conference adopt this agenda.

Sub-item 2(d): Election of officers other than the Presidency

Iraq, Nigeria, Peru, Portugal and the Republic of Korea have been nominated, in accordance with rule 6 of the agreed draft rules of procedure, to serve as Vice-Presidents of the Conference. It is suggested that the Conference elect the representatives of these countries as Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

Sub-item 2(e): Appointment of members of the Credentials Committee

Angola, Kyrgyzstan and Switzerland have been nominated, in accordance with rule 4 of the agreed draft rules of procedure, to serve as members of the Credentials Committee of the Conference. It is suggested that the Conference establish the Credentials Committee with a membership consisting of the representatives of these countries as well as the representatives of those countries announced by the Presidency at the Conference.

Sub-item 2(f): Confirmation of the Secretary of the Conference

It has been agreed that Mr Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, will serve as Secretary of the Conference. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has nominated Mr Zerbo for this position, in accordance with rule 11 of the agreed draft rules of procedure. It is suggested that the Conference confirm the nomination of Mr Zerbo as Secretary of the Conference.

Sub-item 2(g): Other organizational matters

It is suggested that, in accordance with rules 41, 42 and 43 of the draft rules of procedure, the Conference decide on the attendance of its meetings by those specialized agencies, related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, entities and non-governmental organizations which have applied¹ to the Secretariat to attend the Conference.

¹ It is understood that, in conformity with the established practice: (a) those of the above mentioned agencies, organizations and entities with observer status which have applied to the Secretariat to attend the Conference will be read out by the presiding officer of the Conference at its opening and will be listed in the report of the Conference, and (b) the non-governmental organizations which have applied to attend the Conference will be listed in document CTBT-Art.XIV/2015/INF.4/Rev.1.