



**Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) on
the UN Programme of Action on small arms (PoA)
19-23 March 2012**

Summary Report: Plenary Session: Afternoon – 23 March 2012

After an extended break dedicated to discussing the Chair's summary of elements for discussion at the 2012 Review Conference (RevCon) on the Un Programme of Action on small arms (PoA) non-paper and the proposal to annex it to the draft report, a proposition by **Iran** and **India** was put forward to add a paragraph (8 ter) in section II.e., which read as follows,

"... The Chair's summary, prepared under her own responsibility, reflects her interpretation of the main points that were discussed during the meeting of the Committee. It does not represent a full record of all issues discussed during the week nor should it be seen as reflecting the consensus view of States on any specific points covered in it. The issues summarised by the Chair could be further discussed, along with other documents submitted by Member States, during the informal consultation prior to the Second Review Conference, without prejudice to the position of any delegation and the right of any state to put forward any proposals in future and during the Conference, and does not prejudice the outcome document of the Conference."

While this was agreed to by all delegations and finally adopted, **Belize (on behalf of CARICOM), Mexico, New Zealand and Norway (in a joint statement)** expressed their dissatisfaction with the wording which they argued diminished the Chair's summary and did not reflect the widespread and solid support that the Chair received during the morning's plenary meeting. However, **New Zealand** emphasised that all delegations had demonstrated a constructive effort to reach consensus in order to move forward on the PoA.