



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

Summary Report: Plenary Session: Afternoon – 22 March 2012

Prior to this session, the Draft Report of the PrepCom was circulated for review by State delegations. The Chair then requested that the participants go through this document section by section to voice any concerns to the Committee.

A copy of the most recent Draft Report can be found at <http://www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>

Iran noted for the record that their interpretation of paragraph 14 (from resolution 65/64 of 2 December 2011, included in the Introduction section of the draft report) was that it should not be taken to mean that they agree on the proposal in the resolution which points to the "possibility of convening a further open-ended meeting of governmental experts", but rather that this proposal will be discussed in the 2012 Review Conference and a decision will be made based on consensus.

Several delegations noted minor errors or requested slight changes to the wording in the document. These amendments were made and a decision was made to revisit the final draft during the morning session of 23 March 2012 in order to accommodate those delegates that wished to consult with their respective regional groups.

Several states expressed concern about the reference to informal consultations to be held between now and the Review Conference. Some states called for a restrained approach (holding them only when needed) to avoid overburdening delegations and states with limited capacity to participate. Others, including **New Zealand**, reiterated their trust in the Chair's ability to conduct such consultations in an efficient way considering the time and resources available for delegations to participate.

Kenya was the first of several countries to endorse the candidacy of U. Joy Ogwu of Nigeria, the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee, for the presidency of the Review Conference. As stated in the circulation of the nomination during the meeting, the "Preparatory Committee requests the President-designate to undertake informal consultations, as required, in the period before the conference.

The Chair also circulated an Annex, listing elements raised during the PrepCom for discussion at the 2012 Review Conference. A decision was made to adjourn the meeting to give states a chance to familiarise with this document and prepare to discuss it during the morning session of the last day, 23 March 2012.