



**Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) on the UN Programme of Action on small arms
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During the morning session of 22 March 2012 the Chair submitted the draft report for discussion. A number of comments were made by the delegations.

In the text of the Introduction, the delegate of **Algeria** expressed his difficulties with the language of the paragraph especially the second part.

Morocco suggested that it would be safer to use quotation marks and directly quote paragraph 14 of GA resolution 66/47. This suggestion was welcomed and agreed upon by all delegations. **Egypt** made the suggestion to quote paragraphs 6 and 7 of the same resolution as the first part of the introduction.

The debate focused also on Decision III especially on (e) and (h) respectively. On decision (e) "Letter dated 14 July 2011 from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the UN addressed to the Secretary General (A/66/157)", the delegate of **Algeria** expressed his disagreement on the inclusion, in the background documents, the paper transmitted through the letter by the Chair of the MGE and which had been drafted under his own responsibility.

Most states, including **Australia, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Switzerland** and **South Africa** objected to this. They underlined that it would be a pity to lose the work which had been accomplished during the MGE and which was considered to be part of preparations for the Review Conference.

On decision (h), concerning "other relevant documents made available to the Preparatory Committee" all delegations were of the view that the working papers submitted by the **EU, Japan, Germany** and the **NAM** should be included. It was also suggested that all working papers be treated equally (**Austria, EU**).

After the Secretariat read the adopted changes, the Chair announced that the afternoon session would be dedicated to reviewing the draft report section by section.