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## Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects Third session

### Summary record of the 33rd meeting\*

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Thursday, 22 March 2001, at 3 p.m.

*Chairman:* Mr. Dos Santos ..... (Mozambique)

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*The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.*

**Modalities of attendance of non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee** (*continued*) (A/CONF.192/PC/L.7/Rev.2)

1. **The Chairman** directed the attention of delegations to the draft decision in document A/CONF.192/PC/L.7/Rev.2, which had been circulated on the previous morning along with a list of non-governmental organizations interested in attending the sessions of the Preparatory Committee. Before the Committee took action on the draft decision, he wished to state that it was the Committee's understanding that, once non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31 had informed him of their interest in participating in sessions of the Committee, they would have the right to participate in sessions without being subject to a second screening. The draft decision dealt with an important matter, as the contribution of the non-governmental organizations to the work of the Committee would be very valuable.

2. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft decision on the modalities of attendance of non-governmental organizations (A/CONF.192/PC/L.7/Rev.2).

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **The Chairman** said that it was also the Committee's understanding that the language of the decision would apply *mutatis mutandis* to the attendance of non-governmental organizations at the Conference itself. He therefore requested the Secretariat to reflect the decision in draft rule 64 of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference. He asked the Secretariat whether the list of non-governmental organizations circulated to delegations was complete.

5. **Ms. Marcaillou** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the Secretariat had been informed that one non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council was missing from the list, namely the National Rifle Association of the United States of America.

*The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.*