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The 2015 NPT Review Conference opened at UN headquarters on 27 April and will continue till 22 May 2015.

On **Wednesday, 13th May**, a stock-taking Plenary was held in the morning at which the Chairs of each of the three Main Committees gave verbal reports on their work to date. The report of Main Committee I and its Subsidiary Body 1 will be merged. The President made a statement to the effect that no individual or group was engaged in preparing a parallel report of the Review Conference – which provoked much speculation. Several delegations took the floor in SB.1 to comment on the updated report of SB.1 with no surprises as delegations maintained their well known positions.

Subsidiary Bodies (SB) 1 and 3 met, as well as **Main Committee (MC) II**. Under the rules of procedure, the sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB) are ‘closed’ to civil society and observers.

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Review Conference website. However, in the interest of transparency and accountability, some States parties have made the CRPs available to civil society and the media. The **CRPs can be found on the website of Reaching Critical Will**: <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/disarmament-fora/npt/2015>.

During the day, different delegations lobbied and consulted in the side-lines promoting their proposals and positions or criticizing and downplaying positions and proposals they disagreed with. On some issues where the differences are intractable or difficult to bridge, there is tension and pressure in the discussions – normal in arms control and disarmament diplomacy.

Looking Ahead

On Thursday, the merged report of MC.I and SB-1 is scheduled to be released in the morning. MC.I will meet in the afternoon to consider the revised merged report in the afternoon session. SB-2 will meet in the afternoon and MC.III will meet in the morning. A much anticipated discussion will take place in Main Committee I on its report in the afternoon.

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