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

On **Tuesday, 19th May**, the **revised draft Chair's Report of Main Committee (MC) I** was discussed in a side negotiation chaired by the Conference President. The Chair of Main Committee II tried to get agreement on his draft report in informal plenary in the morning session. The Chair of MC.III also worked through his report paragraph by paragraph in informal plenary during the afternoon session. While some progress was made on the draft report of MC.III, this was not the case for the report of MC.II. In the **President's consultations**, reportedly the differences between the NNWS and the NWS, and amongst the NNWS, continued and despite intense negotiations the differences remained too wide to be bridged. Attendance of delegations in the informal plenary sessions was sparse. This is a normal dysfunction of multilateral diplomacy that when a small group of delegations negotiate on the sidelines on key matters, most other delegations lose interest in the formal sessions of the forum and their energies are dispersed on other matters of importance to them.

Looking Ahead

On Wednesday, the Review Conference will continue in informal plenary mode to try to reach agreement on the draft reports of MC.II and MC.III, and the draft report of MC.I will continue to be discussed in the President's consultations on the sidelines. In accordance with normal multilateral diplomatic practice, delegations will keep some matters open in both MC.II and MC.III pending agreement in MC.I, and as is said, "nothing is agreed, until everything is agreed".

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