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Summary:

Summarizes key questions for how interventionist and active the role of the PPNN will be at the upcoming fourth review conference in 1990.

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1. The central issue confronting the programme is not whether it will play a role in the 1990 Review Conference but how active and interventionist that role will be. Thus it seems reasonable to assume that the Directors of the Programme, and such other Core Group members as appropriate, will gain admission to the Conference chamber by the registration of the Programme as an NGO with specified representatives.

2. In the months preceding the Conference the Programme will circulate governments and delegations with both the latest copies of the Newsbrief and relevant occasional papers. In addition, they and appropriate media outlets will also be circulated with the short analysis of issues confronting the conference prepared by the directors on the basis of the article by article analysis of the treaty undertaken in Core Group meetings. It may also be desirable to produce more extended analyses of these issues in book form, with a publication target date of March/April 1990. It would also be useful to find a method of having these materials immediately available to participants in the conference hall.

3. It is an open question whether the Directors and/or Core Group members should travel widely visiting capitals in the year preceding the Conference, in order to bring both the issues and the programme to the attention of governments.

4. The next consideration is whether the Programme should hold open meetings for delegates in the course of the first 2-3 weeks of the conference. These might involve specific speakers or be in the form of 'teach-ins' on specific topics. In addition, there is also the possibility of the Programme moving its Information Base to Geneva and making it available to delegates and the press.

5. The key question remains, however, whether in the course of the conference the Directors of the Programme and certain Core Group members should openly lobby delegations; should seek discreet interviews with heads of delegation and the President; or should attempt to actively seek to play a direct role in shaping the outcome by meeting regularly with all Core Group members, and if necessary playing an active mediating role in the final stages of the Conference.

6. It has also to be assumed that the Programme would wish to use

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the Conference to enhance the visibility of the isue of nuclear non-proliferation in the media, through members writing op-ed articles and other contributions in the press and giving interviews to radio and television. There might also be the possibility of encouraging a TV company to make a documentary about the Conference