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CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons" was included in the provisional agenda of the **forty-fourth session** in accordance with General Assembly resolutions **43/74 A to C** of 7 December 1988.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. At its 2nd meeting, on 13 October, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on the disarmament **items** allocated to it, namely, **items 49 to 69** and 151. The deliberations on those **items** took place **between** the 3rd and 25th meetings, from 16 October to 1 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.3-25**). Consideration of and action on draft resolutions on those **items** took place between the 26th and 41st meetings, from 2 to 17 November (**see A/C.1/44/PV.26-41**).
4. In connection with item 62, the First Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament; **1/**
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (A/44/561 and Add.1 and **2**);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly. Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/44/27).

(c) Letter dated 4 January 1989 from the Permanent Representative Of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communique issued on 3 January 1989 by the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries regarding the disinformation campaign and threats against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (A/44/66-S/20369);

(d) Letter dated 5 January 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communique issued on 5 January 1989 by the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries regarding the grave situation created in the central Mediterranean as a result of the downing by United States military aircraft of two Libyan planes (A/44/69-S/20377);

(e) Letter dated 19 January 1989 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final declaration of the Conference of States Parties to the 1925 Geneva Protocol and other Interested States on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, held in Paris from 7 to 11 January 1989 (A/44/88);

(f) Letter dated 13 February 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communique issued by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary session of 12 January 1989 concerning the findings of the Paris Conference on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, held in Paris from 7 to 11 January 1989 (A/44/126);

(g) Letter dated 13 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the communique, the declaration and the appeal issued by the Committee of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty at its session held at Berlin on 11 and 12 April 1989 (A/44/228);

(h) Letter dated 18 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final communique of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (session on Islamic fraternity and solidarity) held at Riyadh from 6 to 9 Sha'ban A.H. 1409 (13 to 16 March A.D. 1989) (A/44/235-S/20600);

(i) Letter dated 22 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final statement of the Palme Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues, issued at Stockholm on 14 April 1989 (A/44/293-S/20653);

(j) Letter dated 24 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the appeal of the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty to the member States of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (A/44/295);

(k) Letter dated 9 June 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, **Greece**, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of **Tanaania** to the **United Nations** addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text **of** the declaration **issued** on the **occasion** of the fifth anniversary **of** the launching of the Six-Nation Initiative (**A/44/318-S/20689**);

(l) Letter dated 20 June 1989 **from** the **Chargés d'affaires a.i.** of the Permanent Missions of the Federal Republic of **Germany** and of the Union of Soviet **Socialist** Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (**A/44/334**)¹

(m) Letter dated 23 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet. **Socialist** Republics to the United **Nations** addressed to the **Secretary-General** (**A/44/347-S/20702**)\$

(n) Letter **dated** 28 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United **Nations** addressed to the **Secretary-General**, transmitting the text of the conclusions **adopted** by the **Heads of State and Government** of the Twelve States members **of** the European Community at the European Council, held at Madrid on 26 and 27 June 1989 (**A/44/355-S/20704**);

(o) Letter **dated** 11 July 1989 from **the Permanent Representative** of Romania to the United **Nations** addressed to **the** Secretary-General, **transmitting** the text of the **communiqué** of the Meeting **of** the Political Consultative Committee of the States Partia to the **Waraaw** Treaty, held at Bucharest *on* **7 and 8 July** 1989 (**A/44/306**);

(p) Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the **Chargé d'affairea a.i.** of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting **the** text of the final documents of the Ministerial **Meeting** of the Co-ordinating Bureau **of** the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at **Harare** from 17 to 19 **May** 1989 (**A/44/409-S/20743** and **Corr.1** and 2);

(q) Letter dated 22 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the final documents of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State **or** Government of **the** Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989 (**A/44/551-S/20870**) ;

(r) Letter dated 2 November 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Finland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (**A/44/705-S/20940**);

(s) Letter **dated** 25 September 1989 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs **of** the Union of Soviet Socialist Republica and the Secretary of State of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General (**A/C.1/44/2**);

(t) Letters dated 16 and 17 October 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (**A/C.1/44/4**; **A/C.1/44/5**);

(u) Letter dated 8 November 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué of the Meeting of the Committee of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty, held at Warsaw on 26 and 27 October 1989 (A/C.1/44/7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.38 and Rev.1

5. On 30 October, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Samoa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay and Viet Nam submitted a draft resolution entitled "Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons" (A/C.1/44/L.38), which was later also sponsored by Costa Rica. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Canada at the 31st meeting, on 8 November,

6. On 15 November, the sponsors submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/44/L.38/Rev.1), which was later also sponsored by Myanmar. The revised draft resolution contained the following changes,

(a) In the fifth preambular paragraph, "world's" was deleted before "chemical industry" ;

(b) In the sixth preambular paragraph, "to strengthen and expand the dialogue between the Government and the chemical industry" was replaced by "to strengthen and expand the co-operation of the chemical industry with Governments";

(c) A new eleventh preambular paragraph was added as follows;

"~~Emphasizing~~ the importance of the widest possible participation of States in the negotiations on the draft convention in order to ensure universal adherence on its conclusion";

(d) In operative paragraph 7, "world's" was deleted before "chemical industry", and "assist" was replaced by "co-operate with":

(e) Operative paragraph 8, which had read:

"8. Commends the national initiatives discussed at Canberra to help to contribute momentum to the Geneva negotiations and assist in the conclusion and early implementation of such a convention"

was replaced by a paragraph reading:

"8. ~~Recognizes~~ that constructive proposals ~~were~~ discussed at the Government-Industry Conference against Chemical ~~Weapons~~ which could contribute momentum to the Geneva negotiations and assist in the conclusion and early implementation of such a convention".

7. At its 41st meeting, on 17 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.38/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 16, draft resolution A).

B. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.47 and Rev.1

8. On 30 October, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Iceland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted a draft resolution entitled "Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons" (A/C.1/44/L.47), which was later also sponsored by Costa Rica, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece and Thailand.

9. On 15 November, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Samoa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America submitted a revised draft resolution entitled "Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons: measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention*" (A/C.1/44/L.47/Rev.1), which was later also sponsored by Antigua and Barbuda. The revised draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Australia at the 37th meeting, on 15 November, and contained the following changes:

(a) The fifth preambular paragraph, which had read!

"Expressing deep dismay at the existence and use of chemical weapons, at indications of their emergence in an increasing number of national arsenals, and at the risk that they may be used again"

was replaced by a paragraph reading:

"Expressing deep dismay at the use and the risk of use of chemical weapons as long as such weapons remain and are spread";

(b) A new eighth preambular paragraph was added as follows

"Noting that, upon conclusion of a chemical weapons convention, these guidelines and procedures should be adapted in the light of the obligations under the Convention"

(c) In operative paragraph 4, "relevant" was added before "rules of customary international law";

(d) A new operative paragraph 7 was added as follows;

"7, ~~Notes with satisfaction~~ that the Security Council decided to consider immediately, taking into account the investigations of the Secretary-General, appropriate and effective measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations"

and the subsequent paragraphs were renumbered accordingly;

(e) Operative paragraph 8, which had read:

"7, ~~Urges~~ all States to be guided in their national policies by the need to curb the spread of chemical weapons, pending the conclusion of a convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of all chemical weapons and on their destruction"

was revised to read:

"8. Urges all States to exercise restraint and to act responsibly in accordance with the need for the early conclusion and entry into force of a convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of all chemical weapons and on their destruction".

10. At the 41st meeting, on 17 November, the representative of Australia stated that after consultations with the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.47/Rev.1 and other interested delegations, it had been agreed that a footnote should be added at the end of operative paragraph 7, the addition to be incorporated in the report of the First Committee to be submitted to the General Assembly under agenda item 62 (see para. 16, draft resolution B).

11. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement concerning the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.1/44/PV.41).

12. At that meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.47/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 16, draft resolution B).

C. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L. 52

13. On 30 October, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of , Greece, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mongolia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zaire submitted a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the recommendations of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their

Destruction" (A/C.1/44/L.52), which **was** later **also** sponsored by **Argentina** and **Bolivia**. The draft resolution was introduced **by** the representative of Austria at the 20th meeting, on 30 October 1989,

14. At the 32nd meeting, on 9 November, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement **concerning** the programme budget **implications** of the draft resolution (see A/C.1/44/PV.32).

15. At the same meeting, the Committee **adopted** draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.52 without a vote (see **para.** 16, draft resolution C).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

16. The First Committee **recommends** to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions;

Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons

A

Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions relating to the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production **and** stockpiling of all chemical weapons **and** to their destruction,

Reaffirming the urgent necessity, particularly following recent United Nations reports, of strict observance by all States of the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, **and** of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, **2/**

Welcoming the broad participation in and the positive results of the Conference of States Parties to the 1925 Geneva Protocol and other Interested States on the prohibition of chemical weapons, held in Paris from 7 to 11 January 1989, and noting with satisfaction the resulting additional accession of States to the 1925 Protocol,

Endorsing the Final Declaration of the Conference **3/** as an important contribution to the aim of the total elimination of chemical weapons,

2/ League of Nations, Treaty Series, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.

3/ A/44/00, annex,

Recognizing that the effectiveness of a convention for the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of **chemical** weapons and for their destruction will benefit from the support and **co-operation** of the chemical industry,

Commending, in that regard, the initiative of **the Government of Australia** to strengthen and expand the co-operation of the chemical industry with **Governments** by **convening** at Canberra in September 1969 a Government-Industry Conference against Chemical Weapons, **4/**

Reaffirming the urgent necessity of the **adherence** by all States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (**Biological**) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, signed in London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April 1972, **5/**

Taking note of the Final Document of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by consensus on 26 September 1986, **6/** and, in particular, of article IX of the Final Declaration of the Conference, **7/**

Having considered the report of the Conference on Disarmament, **8/** which incorporates, **inter alia**, the report of its **Ad Hoc** Committee on Chemical Weapons, and noting that, following the precedents set over the past five years, consultations are **continuing during** the inter-sessional period, thus increasing the time devoted to negotiation,

Convinced of the necessity that all efforts be exerted for the continuation and successful conclusion of negotiations on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of all chemical weapons and on their destruction,

Emphasizing the importance of the widest possible participation of States in the negotiations on the draft convention in order to ensure universal adherence on its conclusion,

4/ See A/C.1/44/4 and A/C.1/44/5.

5/ Resolution 2826 (XXVI), annex.

6/ BWC/CONF.11/13.

7/ BWC/CONF.11/13, part II.

8/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/44/27).

Conscious of the need to share data relevant to the negotiations on a future **convention** banning all chemical weapons **on** a global basis and of the fact that the provision of such **data** would be an important confidence-building measure,

Noting the bilateral and other discussions, including the **ongoing** exchange of views between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America in the **framework** of the multilateral negotiations, **on issues** related to the prohibition of chemical weapons,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made at all levels by States to facilitate the earliest conclusion of a convention for the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on **their** destruction and, in particular, the concrete steps designed to promote confidence and to contribute directly to that goal,

1. **Takes note with satisfaction** of the work of the Conference on Disarmament during its 1989 session regarding the prohibition of chemical weapons, and, in particular, appreciates the progress in the work of its **Ad Hoc** Committee on Chemical Weapons on that question and the tangible results recorded in its report)

2. **Notes**, while regretting that a convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on their destruction has not yet been concluded, that there exists an ever-growing will to resolve the pending problems at the earliest possible date

3. **Again urges** the Conference on Disarmament, as a matter of high priority, to intensify, during its 1990 session, which will be of pivotal importance, the negotiations **on** such a convention and to reinforce its efforts further by, **inter alia**, increasing the **time** that it devotes to such negotiations, taking into account all existing proposals and future initiatives, with a view to the final elaboration **of a convention** at the earliest possible date, and to re-establish **its Ad Hoc** Committee on Chemical Weapons for that purpose with the mandate to be agreed upon by the **Conference** at the beginning **of** its 1990 session;

4. **Requests** the Conference **on** Disarmament to use the political momentum generated by the **Conference** of States Parties to the 1925 Geneva Protocol and other Interested States, **3/** held in Paris from 7 to 11 January 1989, and the recognition by the Paris Conference that a global ban of chemical weapons is of universal **concern** and interest, to achieve the conclusion at the earliest possible date of such **a convention**)

5. **Also requests** the Conference on Disarmament to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the results **of** its negotiations)

6. **Calls upon** all States to abide by the commitments undertaken in the Declaration of the Paris **Conference**;

7. **Welcomes** the renewed declarations of commitment by Governments represented at the Government-Industry Conference against Chemical Weapons, held at Canberra from 18 to 22 September 1989, **4/** to conclude and implement a convention at the earliest possible date and welcomes also the first collective statement by representatives of the chemical industry of their commitment to co-operate with Governments to that end:

8. **Recognizes** that constructive proposals were discussed at the Government-Industry Conference against Chemical Weapons that could contribute momentum to the Geneva negotiations and assist in the conclusion and early implementation of such a **convention**;

9. **Recognizes also** the importance of declarations made by States on whether or **not** they **possess** chemical weapons and of further international exchanges of data in connection with the negotiations *on* such a convention:

10. **Encourages** Member States to take further initiatives to promote confidence and openness in the negotiations and to provide further information to facilitate prompt resolution of outstanding issues, **thus** contributing to an early agreement on, and universal adherence to, such a convention.

B

Chemical and bacteriological(biological) weapons: measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions, and those adopted by the Security Council, on the use of chemical weapons,

Recalling also the provisions of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of **Warfare**, signed at Geneva *on* 17 June 1925, **2/** and of other rules and principles of international humanitarian law applicable in **armed** conflict,

Welcoming in that regard the reaffirmation in the Final Declaration of the Conference of States Parties to **the** 1925 Geneva Protocol and other Interested States, **3/** held in Paris from 7 to 11 January 1989, of the importance and the continuing validity of the 1925 Protocol,

Recalling the necessity of the adherence by all States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, signed in London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April 1972, **5/**

Expressing deep dismay at the **use** and the risk of use of chemical weapons as long as such weapons remain and are spread,

Acknowledging that prompt and impartial investigation of **reports** Of possible use of chemical and bacteriological weapons will further **enhance the** authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General **9/** on the proposals of the group of qualified experts established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution **42/37 C** of 30 November 1987, concerning technical guidelines and procedures **available** to the Secretary-General **for the timely** and efficient investigation of reports of the possible use of chemical and bacteriological (biological) or toxin weapons,

Noting that, upon conclusion of a chemical weapons convention, these guidelines and procedures should be adapted in the light of the obligations under the Convention,

1. **Renews its call** to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the **Protocol** for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, and condemns vigorously all actions that violate that obligation:

2. **Calls upon** all States that have not yet done so to accede to the 1925 Geneva Protocol:

3. **Urges** the Conference on Disarmament to pursue as a **matter** of continuing urgency its negotiations on a convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling **and use** of all chemical weapons and on their **destruction**;

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to carry out promptly investigations in response to reports **that may** be brought to his attention by any Member State concerning the possible use of chemical and bacteriological (biological) or toxin **weapons** that **may** constitute a violation of the 1925 Geneva Protocol or other **relevant** rules of customary international law in order to ascertain the facts of the matter, and to report promptly the results of any **such** investigation to all Member States;

5. **Welcomes**, in that regard, the proposals of the group of qualified experts concerning technical guidelines and procedures to guide the Secretary-General in the conduct of timely and efficient investigation of the reports of use of chemical and bacteriological (biological) or toxin **weapons**;

6. **Calls upon** all States to consider the implementation of those guidelines and procedures for investigation, **inter alia**, by putting at the disposal of the Secretary-General qualified experts **and/or consultants** as well as laboratories for analysis:

7. **Notes with-satisfaction** that the Security Council decided to consider immediately, taking into account the **investigations** of the

9/ A/44/561 and Add.1 and 2.

Secretary-General, appropriate and effective measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations; 10/

8. **Urges** all States to exercise restraint and to act responsibly in accordance with the need for the early conclusion and entry *into force* of a convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of all chemical weapons and on their destruction!

9. **Decides** to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons.

C

Implementation of the recommendations of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2826 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, *in* which it commended the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, 5/

Recalling also that the Second Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention was held at Geneva from 8 to 26 September 1986 in order to review the operation of the Convention with a view to ensuring that the purposes of the preamble to and the provisions of the Convention, including the provisions concerning negotiations on chemical weapons, were being realized,

Taking note of the confidence-building measures agreed upon by the Second Review Conference for further strengthening the authority of the Convention and for enhancing confidence among States,

Acknowledging that the Final Declaration of the Second Review Conference 7/ expressed the need to give further consideration to, *inter alia*, the implementation of the Convention in all its aspects,

confirming the common interest in strengthening the authority and the effectiveness of the Convention to promote confidence and co-operation among Member States as well as the necessity to comply with the obligations set forth in the Convention,

10/ Security Council resolution 620 (1988).

1. Notes with appreciation that, in accordance with the Final Declaration of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, an Ad Hoc Meeting of Scientific and Technical Experts from States parties to the Convention was held at Geneva from 31 March to 15 April 1987, which adopted by consensus a report 11/ finalizing the modalities for the exchange of information and data agreed to in the Final Declaration, thus enabling States parties to follow a **standardized** procedure)

2. Calls upon all States parties to the Convention to provide such information and data to the Secretary-General on an annual basis and not later than **15 April**;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as **may be required for the implementation of the relevant parts of the Final Declaration**

4. Notes that the Second Review Conference decided, in its Final Declaration, that a Third Review Conference should be held at Geneva at the request of a majority of States **parties not later than 1991**;

5. Recalls in that regard the decision that the Third Review Conference should consider, inter alia, the issues **set out in article XII of the Final Declaration of the Second Review Conferences**

6. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate to the States parties to the Convention not later than four months prior to the convening of the Third Review Conference a report **on the implementation of the confidence-building measures agreed upon by the Ad Hoc Meeting of Scientific and Technical Experts from States parties**;

7. Welcomes the fact that there **are more than one hundred States parties to the Convention, including all the permanent members of the Security Council, and that since the holding of the Second Review Conference four more States have forwarded their instruments of ratification of the Convention, two more States have declared their accession to the Convention and one State has withdrawn its reservations to it**;

8. Calls upon all States that have not ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so without delay, thus contributing to the achievement of universal adherence to the Convention and to the strengthening of **international confidence**.