

Canada has also produced a *Handbook for the Investigation of Allegations of the Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons*, in 1985; sponsored three investigations of alleged Soviet use of toxin weapons in South East Asia;<sup>5</sup> and presented to the CD a series of compendia on chemical weapons negotiations comprising documents from its ongoing sessions. On 31 August 1988, Mr. de Montigny Marchand, Canadian Ambassador to the CD, presented the latest compendia of such material, comprising documents from the 1987 session, to the CD.<sup>6</sup> Finally, the Canadian Government has actively expressed its condemnation of the use of chemical weapons, most recently in the Iran-Iraq War.<sup>7</sup>

#### CURRENT CANADIAN POSITION

Mr. de Montigny Marchand discussed the negotiation of a chemical weapons ban at the CD on 4 August 1988. Noting that the goal of a chemical weapons ban was clearly in sight, he warned that "recent and repeated use of such weapons increasingly raised the danger that they would appear as effective weapons of war."<sup>8</sup> On the negotiations themselves, Mr. Marchand expressed Canada's satisfaction at the "workmanlike and unpolemical approach" that delegations were pursuing. He went on to state that one of Canada's primary concerns in developing an agreed regime for the phased destruction of chemical weapons was to ensure that the process did not diminish the national security of states, during the ten-year destruction period following the treaty's entry into force. Nevertheless, the Ambassador noted, Canada opposed proposals put forth by nations (such as France) supporting the production of "security stocks" of chemical weapons during the

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*Resource Requirements*, CD/823 (31 March 1988).

5 *Handbook for the Investigation of Allegations of the Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons*, Ottawa, Department of External Affairs, November 1985; Butler, G. C., *Report on the Use of Chemical Warfare in Southeast Asia* (Memo to External Affairs), 2 December 1981; Shiefer, H. B., *Study of the Possible Use of Chemical Warfare in Southeast Asia* (A Report to the Department of External Affairs), Ottawa, 1982; Norman, J. J., and Purdon, J. J., *Final Summary Report on the Investigation of Yellow Rain Samples from Southeast Asia*, Ottawa, Defence Research Establishment, February 1986; Department of External Affairs, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, *Conference on Disarmament: Chemical Weapons Working Papers, 1986 Session*, Ottawa, June 1987; and Department of External Affairs, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, *Conference on Disarmament: Chemical Weapons-Final Records (PV), 1986 Session*, Ottawa, June 1987.

6 CD/865, 31 August 1988.

7 Department of External Affairs, *Communiqué* No. 068, 25 March 1988.

8 CD/PV 471, 4 August 1988, p. 16.