

were the kinds of weapons most frequently referred to. Statements made by Sweden and Mexico illuminated the feeling of their delegations that most of the basic study on the characteristics of weapons, the criteria against which their lawfulness could be measured etc. had been done and agreed upon and that the law should now be progressively developed by adopting new rules prohibiting the use of certain specific conventional weapons. Other delegations questioned whether the process of doing the background research had in fact been completed and expressed the desire to study this matter further. In the event, a work program was adopted which can be modified by participants at the Weapons Conference.

It is expected that a report will issue from the Weapons Conference for the consideration of participants and that at the second session of the Diplomatic Conference the report will be reviewed and its future determined. Of course, Canada will participate fully at the Weapons Conference and field a delegation headed by an officer in the Bureau and capable of actively dealing with all of the legal, medical, military and political implications raised by this whole question. We have agreed to contribute the sum of \$10,000 to help defray the cost of holding the Conference and are currently preparing position papers for use thereat.