

the present stage of the negotiations on a chemical weapons convention. Due account was also taken of other existing proposals. Some delegations were of the view that, on certain aspects of the convention, the actual stage of negotiations allowed to proceed to the drafting process, while others considered that further discussion on specific aspects was needed.

9. In the plenary meetings of the Working Group, in the meetings of the Contact Groups and in the informal consultations, the following aspects of the convention were addressed:

- scope of the convention
- definitions
- destruction, diversion, dismantling and conversion
- national implementation measures
- national technical means of verification
- consultation and co-operation; consultative committee
- preamble and final clauses of the convention

10. The discussion on the scope of the future convention was conducted in close connection with the preamble and final clauses of the convention. It was generally agreed that the basic positions on the inclusion or not of a prohibition of use of chemical weapons as contained in the Annex to document CD/334 could not meet with consensus. A view has been expressed that the working hypothesis proposed by the co-ordinator of the Contact Group should be further elaborated. In this context, a concept of a new element recognising that any use of chemical weapons will ipso jure constitute an evidence of a violation of the convention (paragraph 3 of the working hypothesis) was suggested. An acceptable proposal for the text of this new article could not be worked out by the co-ordinator during this period, and this effort should be pursued.

11. Due to the fact that the definitions of precursors and key precursors were under discussion in the Chairman's consultations on technical issues, these matters were not brought up in the Contact Group on definitions. Also, due to the time factor, some other matters brought up in the report were not discussed. On the questions that were discussed the following main results were noticed: some delegations pointed out that in their opinion the areas of agreement which occurred in the report of the co-ordinator (CD/334) had been adequately reflected and precisely worded in CD/333, and in particular, that the general definitions contained therein covered all chemicals which should be prohibited by the Convention. Some delegations put forward new ideas to include very toxic and incapacitating, but not lethal, compounds into the same class of super-toxic lethal chemicals by recognizing also the possibility to set the same toxicity limit for these types of compounds as for the super-toxic substance by relating also to the effective dose.