

- (e) a working paper by the Federal Republic of Germany entitled "The impact of on-site inspections of current civilian production on the chemical industry" (CD/CW/WP.5);
- (f) a working paper submitted by France entitled "Criteria for the Definition of Chemical Warfare Agents" (CD/CW/WP.6)

7. The Chairman stated that all existing proposals and all future initiatives would be treated on an equal basis by the Working Group. He was of the view that Document CD/26, "Compilation of material on Chemical Weapons from the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament and the Committee on Disarmament Working Papers and Statements 1972-1979 (Prepared by the Secretariat)" was a useful reference for the group in its work.

8. At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Group agreed to structure its work under three general headings: "Scope", "Verification" and "Other matters". In a first round, one meeting was devoted to each of these headings, followed by a second round in the same order. During the course of these meetings, delegations made statements of substance on the issues under consideration.

9. The Chairman also provided the group with Conference Room Papers which contained lists of issues raised under the three general headings under which the Group conducted its substantive deliberations. These Conference Room Papers were later consolidated into one document, CD/CW/CRP.3/Rev.1, which is annexed to this report as an aide-mémoire from the Chairman, for future reference.

10. In order to define the issues to be dealt with in the negotiation on a convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons, the Working Group undertook a substantive examination under the three general headings mentioned in paragraph 8 above. In this context, there appeared to be a general convergence of views among the delegations who participated in the discussions on the following issues:

A. Comprehensive scope of a prohibition

- (1) Issues relating to activities that could be prohibited under a convention:
 - (a) development
 - (b) production
 - (c) stockpiling
 - (d) acquisition
 - (e) retention
 - (f) transfer and assistance to other States
- (2) Issues relating to specific items, subject to agreed definitions, that could be prohibited under a convention:
 - (a) chemical warfare agents
 - (b) chemical munitions