

In a speech to the CD in April 1987, Ambassador Beesley referred to allegations that chemical weapons had been used in the Gulf War, and said that this underlined the importance of including in a treaty "a provision for an unqualified, verifiable ban on the use of chemical weapons going beyond use and including, of course, possession, destruction etc."<sup>4</sup> He also announced that Canada was continuing the research begun for the handbook submitted to the Secretary General in December 1985, and was studying other practical and technical aspects of procedures for verification.<sup>5</sup>

On 9 July 1987 Canada and Norway submitted a document to the CD entitled General Procedures for Verification of Alleged Use of Chemical Weapons.<sup>6</sup> This study contained proposals to be included in an annex to article IX of a future Chemical Weapons Convention.

### Parliamentary Comment

The subject has not been raised in the Commons since the summer of 1986 when there was considerable controversy over Canada's decision to support NATO in its endorsement of the US decision to produce new binary chemical weapons. (See 1985-86 issue of the Guide)

### Current References

Robinson, J. P. P., "Disarmament and other options for Western policy-making on chemical warfare", International Affairs, Winter 1986-1987, pp. 65-80.

<sup>4</sup> CD/PV 410, 30 Apr. 1987.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> CD/766, 1 July 1987.