

6. In carrying out its mandate the ad hoc Working Group took into account paragraph 75 of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations devoted to disarmament, which stated that the conclusion of a convention on chemical weapons was one of the most urgent tasks of multilateral negotiations. The Working Group also took into consideration A/RES/35/144 B which in operative paragraph 3 "Urges the Committee on Disarmament to continue, as from the beginning of its session to be held in 1981, negotiations on such a multilateral convention [on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and on their destruction] as a matter of high priority, taking into account all existing proposals and future initiatives."

7. During the period under consideration the following official documents dealing with Chemical Weapons were presented to the Committee on Disarmament:

(a) CD/142 submitted by Sweden entitled "Prohibition of retention or acquisition of a chemical warfare capability enabling use of chemical weapons (4 Annexes)"

(b) CD/164 submitted by Finland entitled "Creation of Chemical Weapons Control Capacity - Present Phase and Goals of the Finnish Project"

(c) CD/167 submitted by Canada entitled "Verification and Control Requirements for a Chemical Arms Control Treaty based on an Analysis of Activities"

(d) CD/168 submitted by China entitled "Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: on the Definition of Chemical Warfare Agents"

(e) CD/169 submitted by China entitled "Dismantling of Production Facilities/ Means of Production for Chemical Weapons"

(f) CD/173 submitted by Canada entitled "Disposal of Chemical Agents"

8. In the conduct of its work from February to April 1981, the following working papers were circulated to the Working Group:

(a) a working paper by the Chairman entitled "Outline suggested by the Chairman for the work of the group - Part 1" (CD/CW/WP.7 and Rev.1)

(b) a working paper by the Chairman entitled "Outline suggested by the Chairman for the work of the group - Part 2" (CD/CW/WP.8 and Corr.1)

(c) a working paper by Canada entitled "Verification and Chemical Weapons" (CD/CW/WP.9)

(d) a working paper by the Chairman entitled "Outline suggested by the Chairman for the work of the group - Part 3" (CD/CW/WP.10 and Corr.1)

* (e) a working paper by Mongolia, Poland and the USSR entitled "Chemical Weapons: types of activity to be covered by a convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons" (CD/CW/WP.11)

(f) a working paper by the Chairman entitled "Outline suggested by the Chairman for the work of the group - Part 4" (CD/CW/WP.12)