A number of delegations which were the most active proponents of having a weapons prohibition provision in Protocol I advanced a proposal which sought to establish an international committee whose function would have been to determine which conventional weapons should be prohibited. This proposal was approved in Committee but rejected by Plenary where it failed to obtain the required 2/3 majority.

The Plenary did, however, unanimously adopt a resolution calling for a special conference on weapons to be held by 1979. The UN Central Assembly has been given the responsibility of taking whatever further action is required to convene this conference.