

The kind of visits and information exchange suggested under point 2, have already been organized both within and outside the CD context. The Swedish delegation considers that efforts to show that preparations already are under way to destroy chemical weapons, even if so far only with regard to obsolete and aging munition, would enhance the confidence in the ongoing negotiation. It is important that all possessing States contribute to these efforts. This would particularly be the case in relation to the destruction of chemical weapons, which is a problem that will have to be dealt with already during the negotiating phase.

The question of co-operation regarding protection referred to under point 3 has already been raised several times by negotiating Parties. Discussions about possible concrete measures to be taken should, therefore, be encouraged.

The item listed under point 4 has been subject to some preliminary discussions dating back to 1968. Further technical discussions on this issue should be initiated with a broad and comprehensive participation of the negotiating delegations.

It is the opinion of the Swedish delegation that a suitable starting point would be an exchange of views of the versatility of the suggested measures.