

foregoing, they consider it an important task to take effective measures in the mean time to prevent the proliferation of chemical weapons. They concur that the continued spread of chemical weapons confronts the community of nations with grave responsibility that no Government can evade.

The Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union regard the early
and effective prohibition of chemical weapons as a primary goal of their
policy and disarmament efforts. They consider the Paris Convention on the
Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to be a major step towards achieving that goal and
underline the importance of the final decision of that Conference.

Each side stands on the highest necessity to translate the results of the
Paris Convention into progress in the further negotiation of the Geneva Convention
on Disarmament so that the convention on chemical weapons will be ready for
signature at the earliest date. For their part, they express the intention to do
within the original stipulations of the convention.

The Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union attach utmost importance
to the establishment of a total international control that would ensure the highest
degree of security and stability among all participants that the convention's provisions are
being complied with. The two sides declare their readiness to support any
verified system of control to greater security. They are in favour of
thoroughly checked procedures of systematic verification and the system of
mandatory reporting which are included in the convention.

The two sides stand in a common position in the question of non-proliferation of
chemical weapons. They are fully aware of the need to reach a balance between the most
urgent interests of the industrial and commercial interests of the
participating States. In this context, they welcome national and
international measures for the prohibition of non-verification procedures on the
one hand and the development of a view of a developing control verification
procedures.

The Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union attach special
importance to the practical aspects and regard practical measures in this field as
an effective means for preventing the early completion of the convention. The two
sides have agreed to also be actively aimed at greater operational and further exchange
of the data necessary for the purposes of the negotiations.

The Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union have agreed to intensify
bilateral discussions on all aspects of the prohibition of chemical weapons and for
this purpose have agreed to hold their expert consultations as Geneva on a regular
basis.

Both sides affirm their deep concern at the spread of chemical weapons. They
agree that the early entry into force of a global and comprehensive ban will be the only
lasting solution to the problem of chemical weapons. They underline the