

Endorsing the Final Declaration of the Paris Conference 2/ as an important contribution to the aim of the total elimination of chemical weapons,

Recognizing that the effectiveness of a convention for the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and for their destruction will benefit from the support and co-operation of the chemical industry,

Commending, in that regard, the initiative of the Government of Australia to strengthen and expand the co-operation of the chemical industry with Governments 3/ by convening at Canberra from 18 to 22 September 1989 a Government-Industry Conference against Chemical Weapons,

Reaffirming the urgent necessity of the adherence by all States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, signed in London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April 1972, 4/

Taking note of the Final Document of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by consensus on 26 September 1986, 5/ and, in particular, of article IX of the Final Declaration of the Conference, 6/

Having considered the report of the Conference on Disarmament, 7/ which incorporates, inter alia, the report of its Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, 8/ and noting that, following the precedents set over the past five years, consultations are continuing during the inter-sessional period, thus increasing the time devoted to negotiation,

Convinced of the necessity that all efforts be exerted for the continuation and successful conclusion of negotiations on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of all chemical weapons and on their destruction,

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2/ A/44/88, annex.

3/ See A/C.1/44/4 and A/C.1/44/5.

4/ Resolution 2826 (XXVI), annex.

5/ BWC/CONF.II/13.

6/ BWC/CONF.II/13, part II.

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/44/27).

8/ Ibid., para. 87.