

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons on its
work during the period 17-28 January 1983

I. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee on Disarmament at its 183rd plenary meeting held on 17 September 1982, the Ad Hoc Working Group resumed its work on 17 January 1983 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Bogumil Sujka of Poland. Mr. Abdelkader Bensmail, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Department for Disarmament Affairs, continued to serve as Secretary of the Ad Hoc Working Group.
2. The Ad Hoc Working Group held five meetings from 17 to 28 January, and the remaining time was devoted to meetings of the Contact Groups set up during the summer session of the Working Group. In addition, the Chairman held a number of informal consultations with delegations.
3. Also in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee on Disarmament at its 188th plenary meeting, the Chairman held consultations with delegations on the technical issues identified in paragraph 12 of document CD/334.
4. The representatives of the following States not members of the Committee on Disarmament participated in the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group: Austria, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Switzerland.
5. The Chairman of the Working Group summed up his views on the work done during the period 17-28 January 1983. These views are reproduced below in part II of this report.
6. The reports of the Co-ordinators of the Contact Groups are reproduced below in part III of this report.

7. The Chairman's views and the Co-ordinators' reports are without prejudice to the views and positions of the delegations.

II. CHAIRMAN'S VIEWS ON THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION DURING THE PERIOD
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8. The Group continued the process of elaboration of the convention, taking into consideration the reports of the Co-ordinators of the Contact Groups as contained in document CD/334, and the views of the Chairman on possible compromise wordings of the elements of the future convention as contained in document CD/333. In the course of the deliberations both in plenary meetings of the Working Group and in the contact groups, views were expressed and comments made on these two documents which reflect