

as original states parties. Participants confirmed that their respective governments were giving favourable consideration to the United Nations General Assembly's call to all states to commit themselves to becoming original states parties to the CWC.

In this context, participants noted the requirement in the Chemical Weapons Convention draft text for each state party to make initial declarations on chemical weapons - relevant matters. In preparation for signature of the Convention, and noting the potential regional confidence-building benefits of such declarations in their own right, participants recommended that governments in the region mutually exchange statements in the terms required for such declarations. Participants agreed that this regional initiative in support of the Convention be drawn to the attention of the Conference on Disarmament.

Although unable to participate in the Seminar, Nauru has expressed a wish formally to associate itself with the above Statement.

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