

Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons

ITALY

PROVISION OF DATA RELEVANT TO THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

1. In April 1988, on behalf of a group of western countries including Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany submitted document CD/828 proposing a voluntary exchange of data on chemical productions relevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention, prior to its entry into force.

Italy deems the exchange of data essential, as it enhances mutual trust and represents an important prerequisite in view of the finalization of the Convention, since it can help to define the size, scope and costs of the envisaged International Inspectorate.

In the light of the experience acquired in other disarmament negotiations, the Italian Government believes that by fostering trust and wider transparency prior to the agreement, significant progress can be achieved towards a timely identification of the most appropriate solutions and a more effective implementation of the Convention.

It is in this spirit that Italy is submitting disaggregated data on all chemicals relevant to the Convention that were produced, used or imported by the Italian chemical industry during 1987 as a contribution to a rapid and satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations under way.

2. This document contains a national answer to the exercise proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany. The data on the production and use by Italian industries of chemicals relevant to the Convention were provided on a voluntary basis by the Italian Chemical Industries Federation, of which not all Italian chemical producers are members. Notwithstanding the impossibility of an absolute guarantee on the completeness of the information provided, the number of Italian facilities that either produce or use the compounds included in lists (2) and (3) is, within a small margin of error, as indicated in the annexed documentation. The data provided refer to the already approved sections of lists (2) and (3) and concern 1987. The data will be completed or updated as required.