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Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons to the  
Conference on Disarmament on its work during the period  
16 January to 1 February 1990

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with the decision taken by the Conference on Disarmament at its 531st plenary meeting held on 31 August 1989, the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons resumed its work on 16 January 1990 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Pierre Morel (France). Mr. Abdelkader Bensmail, Senior Political Affairs Officer of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, continued to serve as Secretary of the Committee, assisted by Mr. Michael Cassandra and Ms. Agnès Marcaillou, Political Affairs Officers of the Department for Disarmament Affairs.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee held four meetings from 16 January to 1 February 1990. In accordance with the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, as contained in its Report to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/952), open-ended consultations of the Ad Hoc Committee were held between 28 November and 14 December 1989 in preparation for the resumed session.

3. The representatives of the following States not members of the Conference participated in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee: Austria, Bangladesh, Chile, Denmark, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ghana, Greece, Finland, Ireland, Iraq, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

## II. SUBSTANTIVE WORK DURING THE RESUMED SESSION

4. In accordance with its mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee continued its work on the Convention. In particular, it considered the following issues in the framework of the five Working Groups established in 1989.

(a) Group 1 (Chairman: Mr. Rüdiger Lüdeking, Federal Republic of Germany)

- The Protocol on Inspection Procedures.