

(a) the representatives of Denmark and Finland to participate in the formal and informal meetings of the Committee dealing with chemical weapons, as well as in meetings of its ad hoc Working Group on the same item during its 1980 session;

(b) the representative of Spain to participate in the formal meetings of the Committee dealing with chemical weapons during its 1980 session;

(c) the representative of Austria to participate in the formal and informal meetings of the Committee dealing with effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, as well as in meetings of its ad hoc Working Group on the same item during its 1980 session; and

(d) the representative of Switzerland to participate in meetings of its ad hoc Working Group on chemical weapons during its 1980 session.

13. At the request of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (CD/PV.37, CD/108), the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the question of its participation in the discussion on chemical weapons. Several statements were made in this context (PV/76 and PV/87).

14. At the 69th plenary meeting of the Committee, the Chairman stated that it was understood that, in accordance with rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure, representatives of non-member States should have reserved seats in the conference room during the meetings of the ad hoc Working Groups established by the Committee to continue to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapons and to initiate negotiations on the comprehensive programme of disarmament.

15. At its 86th plenary meeting, the Committee decided that the informal meetings with experts on chemical weapons held during the period 24 to 26 June should be open to States not members of the Committee and to the public.

16. At its 92nd plenary meeting, the Committee also decided to invite States not members of the Committee which are members of the Ad hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events to be present at the informal meeting with experts members of that Group, held on 18 July 1980 to consider the Tenth progress report of the Group, (CD/119) and the subjects referred to in document CD/93.

E. Proposal to Amend the Rules of Procedure Regarding
Participation by States not members of the Committee

17. The delegation of Mexico submitted on 31 July 1980 (CD/PV.95) for consideration at the 1981 session of the Committee, a Working Paper contained in document CD/129, dated 29 July 1980, entitled "Working Paper Containing Draft Amendments to Section IX of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Disarmament, entitled 'Participation by States not members of the Committee'".

F. Communications from Non-Governmental Organizations

18. In accordance with Article 42 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of all communications from non-governmental organizations was circulated to the Committee (CD/NGO.2).