

Most of the problematic weapons systems, including nuclear weapons, chemical weapons, biological weapons and high-technology missile delivery systems, are already being addressed via one or more plurilateral or multilateral negotiating processes. Success to date has been limited primarily due to the lack of political will and the obviously mixed objectives of many major international players. If real progress is to be made, global political will must be mobilized.

A World Summit on the Instruments of War and Weapons of Mass Destruction could serve as a catalyst to generate the global political will necessary together with a program of action. That program of action might lead to a subsequent conference in 1995, at which time the signature of a comprehensive network of specific weapons control and non-proliferation regimes could be celebrated.

The following objectives could be further developed as the specific plan of action to be blessed by the World Summit.

Chemical Weapons(CW)

- a solemn commitment to conclude, by the end of 1992, negotiation of a global and comprehensive CW Convention, at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva;
- expansion of the membership and enhanced enforcement of the decisions of the Australia Group in controlling the export of chemicals which could be used in the production of CW;

Biological Weapons(BW)

- strengthen the effectiveness of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention by: developing further its confidence-building and conflict resolutions at the Review Conference this September; and, seeking the agreement of signatories to convene a specially mandated conference in 1993 to negotiate verification provisions for the Convention;

Nuclear Weapons

- early commitment of signatories to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty to its indefinite extension at the Fifth NPT