

Mindful of the Report of the Group of Experts, appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations under General Assembly Resolution 2454 A (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, on chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons and the effects of their possible use, published on 1 July 1969 (A/7575);

Considering that this Report and the Forward to it by the Secretary-General adds further urgency for an affirmation of this rule and for dispelling, for the future, any uncertainty as to its scope and, by such affirmation, to assure the effectiveness of the rule and to enable all States to demonstrate their determination to comply with the rule;

Condemns and declares as contrary to international law the use in international armed conflicts of

any chemical agents of warfare: chemical substances, whether gaseous, liquid, or solid, which might be employed because of their direct toxic effects on man, animals or plants, and

any biological agents of warfare: living organisms, whatever their nature, or infective material derived from them, which are intended to cause disease or death in man, animals or plants, and which depend for their effects on their ability to multiply in the person, animal or plant attacked.