

- (v) Document CD/123, dated 21 July 1980, submitted by the delegation of Mongolia, containing a working document entitled "Interrelationship between the future convention on the complete prohibition and destruction of chemical weapons and the Geneva Protocol of 1925".
- (w) Document CD/124, dated 24 July 1980, submitted by the Delegation of Indonesia and entitled "Some views on the prohibition of chemical weapons".
- (x) Document CD/132, dated 1 August 1980, containing a working paper entitled "Views of the Government of Pakistan submitted in response to the circulation of Document CD/89".

52. In discharging its responsibility for the negotiation and elaboration, as a matter of high priority, of a multilateral convention on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction, the Committee on Disarmament decided at its 69th plenary meeting on 17 March 1980 to establish for the duration of its 1980 session, an Ad Hoc Working Group of the Committee to define, through substantive examination, issues to be dealt with in the negotiation on such a convention, taking into account all existing proposals and future initiatives. The Committee further decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group would report to the Committee on the progress of its work at any appropriate time and in any case before the conclusion of its 1980 session (Document CD/80).

53. At its 80th plenary meeting on 22 April 1980 the Committee also decided to nominate the representative of Japan as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group. The Ad Hoc Working Group held 16 meetings between 23 April and 1 August 1980 and the Chairman also conducted informal consultations during that period. As a result of its deliberations the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted a report to the Committee (Document CD/131/Rev.1).

54. As proposed in Document CD/59 and in accordance with the decision taken at its 82nd plenary meeting, the Committee held four informal meetings with experts on chemical weapons during the period 24 to 26 June 1980.

55. Both prior and subsequent to the establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons, the Committee had, in plenary and informal meetings, useful discussions of issues relating to the prohibition of such weapons. Presentations by experts during the informal meetings referred to in the preceding paragraph were welcomed as useful and provided further insights into the issues involved. The Joint Report on the progress in USA-USSR bilateral negotiations (CD/112) was commented upon, and further clarifications on certain points were provided by the two negotiating parties. The need to ensure strict respect for the 1925 Geneva Protocol was stressed, especially in view of controversial allegations of the use of chemical weapons. In this connection, the need for appropriate international measures to determine the facts was emphasized. However, varying views were expressed concerning what type of measures would be appropriate.

56. At its 100th plenary meeting on 9 August 1980, the Committee adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group, which is an integral part of this report and reads as follows: