

7. The Chairman of the Committee conducted consultations on Article IX. As a result of his consultations he reported to the Committee that at the present stage it was generally regarded as the most difficult problem to be solved before a Convention could be concluded. He had, however, in his view, detected a convergence of views in the Committee on four points:

- Firstly, that confidence in the Convention should be built up and maintained by routine inspection of declared facilities.

- Secondly, that provisions under Article IX are needed for any party to give voice to its suspicions that another party was not complying with its obligations and to have confidence that these suspicions would be promptly allayed by agreed procedures.

- Thirdly, that such procedures should be regarded as a fundamental source of confidence in the Convention and recourse to them should be a rare event.

- Fourthly, that once these procedures have been invoked a very short time scale for resolution of the issue is essential both for reasons inherent in the nature of chemical weapons as well as for wider political reasons.

### III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The results of the work undertaken during the resumed session are reflected in the updated version of the Appendix to CD/727, attached hereto. Appendix I to this report reflects the present stage of negotiations on a chemical weapons convention; however, the draft texts contained therein do not bind any delegation.

9. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the Conference on Disarmament:

(a) That Appendix I to this Report be used for further negotiation and drafting of the Convention.

(b) That other documents reflecting the state of work of the Ad Hoc Committee, as contained in Appendix II to this Report and in document CD/CW/WP.149, together with other relevant present and future documents of the Conference also be utilized in the further negotiation and elaboration of the Convention.