

Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons

## FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

### Provision of data relevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention

The multilateral exchange of data prior to the signing of a convention on chemical weapons is a prerequisite for drafting an effective convention and ensuring its early functioning. In addition, such an exchange constitutes an important confidence building measure which contributes to creating an atmosphere of trust and assurance by providing increased transparency. It should therefore facilitate and promote the negotiations concerning a total ban on chemical weapons.

In CD/828 of 12 April 1988 a format was proposed for the multilateral provision of data. In accordance with that format the data for the Federal Republic of Germany are given below.

The data on the chemical industry are based on information voluntarily provided by chemical companies and compiled by the Chemical Industry Association of the Federal Republic of Germany. Completeness cannot be guaranteed. However, we are convinced that the data are sufficient for fulfilling the purpose of the data exchange: to lay a foundation for the discussions on the necessary scope of the inspectorate in view of its functions under Article VI of the draft convention.

The data reflect the situation at the beginning of 1988. They are submitted according to the tentatively agreed lists in the Annexes to Article VI in CD/831 and are based on the following thresholds: 1 ton/year for the production, processing and consumption of Schedule [2] substances and 30 tons/year for the production, processing and consumption of Schedule [3] substances.

The information given under items 2 and 3 below is subject to change depending on market conditions and technological developments.