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Protection against Chemical Weapons (Data bank of available basic means)

1. The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic has repeatedly stated that it does not possess chemical weapons, and it has declared its intention to become an original signatory of the Chemical Weapons Convention. All steps undertaken by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in the various fields within the existing rolling text (CD/1116) have been aimed at an early conclusion of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).
2. In the light of openness and transparency, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic has informed the Conference on Disarmament (CD) about its past and current activities in the sphere of the chemical industry, including military facilities, as well as other relevant industrial branches. Documents CD/1021, CD/1022, CD/1048 have illustrated the positive and concrete contribution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to the on-going negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons.
3. The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic welcomes all activities and proposals leading to the intensification of the work on the text of the CWC. In accordance with the mandate for the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, the negotiations on a multilateral Convention continue to intensify with a view to achieving a final agreement on the CWC during 1992. The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, as a member of the Conference on Disarmament, is working for the successful end of the negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, and it shares the responsibility for reaching that goal.
4. In this connection, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic sees, inter alia, the necessity for making the work of subsidiary bodies, which will be established under the future CWC, much easier. From this point of view, it should be underlined that one of the important questions dealing with the future Convention is the protection against use of CW. According to the present rolling text (CD/1116), article X, paragraph 4: "The Technical Secretariat shall establish within 180 days after the entry into force of the