

The reason for my taking the floor today is to introduce, on behalf of a group of socialist States, a working paper, to which Ambassador Issraelyan referred in his statement today, entitled "Organization and functioning of the Consultative Committee of a CW Convention", issued under the symbol CD/532, as well as CD/CW/WP.84, and as you undoubtedly noted, distributed at the beginning of today's plenary meeting.

The paper's main outlines are based on previous proposals of socialist States as well as on proposals of other delegations. It contains also some new elements such as for example, on co-operation of international and national verification bodies. This subject is covered in Chapter III of the Working Paper.

In our view, closer co-operation between these bodies should contribute to implementation of the Convention.

By introducing this document we would also like to contribute to the further development of the concept of the organization and functioning of the Consultative Committee.

The basic provisions of the Working Paper are contained in three chapters concerning: General provisions and structure; functions; and co-operation with the national verification bodies of the States Parties.

I should like to stress that we are ready to co-operate and to work together with all other delegations in the search for mutually acceptable solutions for the work of the Consultative Committee.

Again in this respect the socialist States are ready to demonstrate their flexibility, willingness to compromise as well as understanding of other delegations' positions, and we hope that such an approach will be reciprocated.

Our aim is to establish the machinery of the Consultative Committee such as would ensure the best possible co-operation among the States Parties to the future Convention in order to prevent any possibility of its violation. This should be secured by means of consultations, broad exchange of information and effective co-ordination of the work of the international and national control and verification bodies.

The first chapter of the document contains general provisions, such as, those relating to the establishment of the Committee, representation of the States Parties in the Committee, its sessions, decision-making, and presentation of the results of its sessions. It also contains a structure for the Committee, the structure of the Executive Council, and the Technical Secretariat, as well as the way in which decisions will be made by the Executive Council.

The second chapter deals with the functions of the Consultative Committee. Chief among these are the following: co-ordination of all forms of verification; elaborating standard verification techniques; receiving, storing and disseminating information on compliance with and implementation of the convention; consultations; determining the modalities and time-frames of international on-site inspections; verifying reports on the use of chemical weapons; and considering requests for on-site inspections.

The third chapter touches upon a problem which so far has not been discussed, or only to a small extent, in the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons. It refers to one of the important, practical elements of the future convention.

In that chapter the socialist countries try to provide a preliminary description of the principles on which the co-operation between the Consultative Committee with the national verification institutions should be based.