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CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY OF THE 1990 OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATIONS ON ARTICLE IX

During the 1990 session the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee carried out private and open-ended consultations on Article IX as a whole. At the end of the first part of the 1990 session the Chairman presented, during open-ended consultations, a draft suggestion for his consultations on Article IX.

This document was based on texts contained in CD/961, i.a. existing provisions on Article IX, the Protocol on Inspection Procedures and the outcome of the open-ended consultations on Article IX, Part 2, undertaken by the Chairman of the 1989 session. In addition, it contained new material in order to continue the work on Article IX by taking a comprehensive approach to the issue and to commence actual drafting, in particular, of provisions for inspections on request.

The document provided a redrafting of the first part of Article IX in two sections: A for consultations and B for clarification. It further contained a new draft for a third section, C, addressing inspections on request, including investigations of alleged use of chemical weapons. To this suggested structure of Article IX were added procedures, essentially based on existing provisions in the first part of Article IX and the Protocol on Inspection Procedures, Part III.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the approach was to provide a qualitatively new start of the deliberations by addressing the issues at hand comprehensively and in treaty language. It was further stated that the paper was intended to provide for a less confrontational approach, whereby demonstration of compliance by the inspected State Party was emphasized and the role of the Organization was enhanced. In preliminary comments to the paper delegations considered this treaty-oriented approach a useful and necessary step, which could serve as a basis for substantive deliberations during the second half of the 1990 session.