

33. Some delegations considered that complaints should be lodged with the Consultative Committee. Others suggested that the United Nations Security Council would be a suitable organ for taking up complaints regarding non-compliance with the convention. Strong objections were raised to this suggestion. Complaints should instead be lodged with the General Assembly according to some delegations.

Voluntary confidence building measures (CBMs)

34. On CBMs there were divergencies of views with respect to suitable times for their application. Four periods of time were mentioned in which various CBMs could be undertaken: the negotiating phase, after signing the convention and before a State had become party to it, the period until stocks of chemical weapons and production facilities had been destroyed, and the time thereafter.

35. It was stated that CBMs could be undertaken on a bilateral or multilateral basis, regionally or world-wide and with or without the condition of reciprocity. It was felt that also additional examples of CBMs other than those discussed so far could be explored.

International co-operation

36. There was convergence of views that the convention should promote co-operation between parties in fields related to the technical subjects dealt with in the convention, but not to what extent or in which organizational modes. However, there seemed to be large support for the view that provisions for co-operation and assistance with respect to protection against chemical weapons should be included in the convention.

Formal provisions

37. The issues in this context were only briefly examined. It was recognized that the formal provisions would best be discussed in the course of the actual negotiations at a later stage. Views were put forward that some of the more technical matters and some more detailed provisions might be put into annexes to the convention, and that the annexes should form an integral part of the convention.

Conclusion

38. After the extensive examination of the various issues, both last year and during the spring part of this year's session, the Working Group considers that while there was substantial convergence of views on a number of issues some considerable differences of views still exist and that it is necessary to proceed to further substantive work towards achieving a convention. Many delegations felt that the mandate of the Working Group should be revised, whereas others did not consider this necessary or were not in a position to agree to this.