

8. During the second part of the 1980 session of the Committee, the Chairman submitted, at the 24th plenary meeting, a proposal on the programme of work for the second part of the session. In submitting that proposal, the Chairman made the following statement: "It is the Chairman's understanding that in scheduling meetings of Ad hoc Working Groups the Chairman of the Committee and the Chairmen of the Working Groups will, inter alia, take into account the availability of technical experts, bearing in mind the need for an equitable allocation of time among the Ad hoc Working Groups".

9. At the same plenary meeting, the Committee adopted the proposal of the Chairman. It read as follows (document CD/101):

"In compliance with rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure and taking into account rule 30, the Committee on Disarmament adopts the following programme of work for the second part of its 1980 session:

12-16 June	Consideration of the programme of work for the second part of the 1980 session.
17-20 June	Nuclear test ban.
23 June - 4 July	Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament. <u>1/</u>
7-16 July	New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
17-25 July	Nuclear test ban.
28 July - .. August	Consideration of the reports of the <u>ad hoc</u> working groups on (a) effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (b) comprehensive programme of disarmament (c) radiological weapons and (d) chemical weapons; <u>2/</u> Consideration and adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations. <u>3/</u>

Members of the Committee wishing to make statements in the plenary on items before the ad hoc working groups may do so at any time.

1/ As decided by the Committee at its 22nd plenary meeting on 29 April 1980, the period 24-26 June will also be devoted to informal meetings with experts on matters related to chemical weapons.

2/ Reports of ad hoc working groups that are ready may be considered at plenary or informal meetings earlier.

3/ In accordance with rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure, the draft reports to the United Nations General Assembly shall be made available to all Member States of the Committee for consideration at least two weeks before the scheduled date for their adoption. The annual report of the Committee will, inter alia, deal with the following two questions: (a) State of the consideration of the proposals and suggestions listed in paragraph 125 of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and (b) Consideration of the modalities of the review of the membership of the Committee. Informal meetings to consider these two questions will be scheduled earlier."