

of views still exist on certain elements. The Group also expresses the hope that the Committee will take due account of the results of its work, as presented in this report, so that it will contribute to the process of negotiating and elaborating a chemical weapons convention.

16. While it was generally agreed that the Group made substantive progress during its 1981 session, many delegations regretted that it was not possible to obtain a revised mandate which would enable the group to initiate negotiations on the text of a convention. Emphasizing the responsibility of the Committee on Disarmament for the negotiation and elaboration of a chemical weapons convention, the Group recommends that the Committee at the beginning of its 1982 session re-establish the ad hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons with an appropriately revised mandate, which will enable the Committee to build upon the areas of convergence and to resolve the differences of views which were identified by the Group during the 1980 and 1981 sessions, so as to achieve agreement on a chemical weapons convention at the earliest date.