

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons to the
Conference on Disarmament on its work during the period
17 January to 3 February 1989

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with the decision taken by the Conference on Disarmament at its 483rd plenary meeting held on 20 September 1988, the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons resumed its work on 17 January 1989 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Bogumil Sujka (Poland). Mr. Abdelkader Bensmail, Senior Political Affairs Office of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, continued to serve as Secretary of the Committee.
2. The Ad Hoc Committee held 4 meetings from 17 January to 3 February 1989. In accordance with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee, as contained in its Report to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/874), open-ended consultations of the Ad Hoc Committee were held between 29 November and 15 December 1988 in preparation for the resumed session.
3. The representatives of the following States not members of the Conference participated in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee: Austria, Denmark, Greece, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

II. SUBSTANTIVE WORK DURING THE RESUMED SESSION

4. In accordance with its mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee continued its work on the Convention. In particular, it considered the following issues in the framework of the three Working Groups established in 1988:
 - (a) Group A (Chairman: Mr. Andrej Cima of Czechoslovakia)
 - Confidentiality with regard to verification of non-production of chemical weapons in the chemical industry.
 - Issues pertaining to Schedule [1] chemicals outside the single small-scale production facility.
 - (b) Group B (Chairman: Mr. Pablo Macedo of Mexico)
 - Undiminished security during the period of destruction of chemical weapons.
 - Article X on "Assistance".