

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons  
to the Conference on Disarmament on its work during  
the period 12-29 January 1988

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with the decision taken by the Conference on Disarmament at its 434th plenary meeting held on 27 August 1987, the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons resumed its work on 12 January 1988 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Rolf Ekéus (Sweden). Mr. Abdelkader Bensmail, Senior Political Affairs Officer of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, continued to serve as Secretary of the Committee.
2. The Ad Hoc Committee held six meetings from 12-29 January 1988. In accordance with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee, as contained in its Report to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/782), private consultations were conducted in Geneva by the Chairman, with delegations present, during the period 23-27 November 1987 and open-ended consultations of the Ad Hoc Committee were held between 30 November and 16 December 1987 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, Finland, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

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 Annex to Article IV; Article VI and its Annexes; Article VIII; Article IX; Article X; and Article XI, utilizing Appendices I and II of the Report on its work in 1987 (CD/782), as well as proposals made by delegations, the Chairman of the Committee; by Mr. Philippe Nieuwenhuys of Belgium, Co-ordinator of Cluster I (issues pertaining to chemical weapons stocks); by Mr. Pablo Macedo of Mexico, Co-ordinator of Cluster III (issues pertaining to non-production of chemical weapons); and by Dr. Walter Krutzsch of the German Democratic Republic, Co-ordinator of Cluster IV (issues pertaining to the organization and functions of the Consultative Committee and its organs, as well as issues pertaining to consultation, co-operation and fact-finding, including challenge inspection).