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Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons to the
Conference on Disarmament on its work during the period
30 September 1991 to 20 January 1992

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with the decision taken by the Conference on Disarmament at its 605th plenary meeting held on 4 September 1991, the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons continued its work during the following periods: 30 September-11 October 1991, 18 November-20 December 1991, and 6-20 January 1992 under the chairmanship of Ambassador Serguei B. Batsanov of the Russian Federation. During the interim periods, the Chairman of the Committee and other members of the Bureau conducted private consultations in preparation for the work of the Committee. Mr. Abdelkader Bensmail, Senior Political Affairs Officer of the Department for Disarmament Affairs continued to serve as Secretary of the Committee and Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Political Affairs Officer of the Department for Disarmament Affairs continued to serve as Deputy Secretary.
2. The Ad Hoc Committee held 12 meetings during the above-mentioned periods.
3. The representatives of the following States not members of the Conference participated in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee: Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

II. SUBSTANTIVE WORK

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 1991.