

6. In carrying out its mandate the Ad Hoc Working Group took into account paragraph 75 of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations devoted to disarmament, which in part reads as follows: "The complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and their destruction represent one of the most urgent measures of disarmament. Consequently, conclusion of a convention to this end, on which negotiations have been going on for several years, is one of the most urgent tasks of multilateral negotiations." The Working Group also took into consideration A/RES/35/144 B which in operative paragraph 3 "Urges the Committee on Disarmament to continue, as from the beginning of its session to be held in 1981, negotiations on such a multilateral convention as a matter of high priority, taking into account all existing proposals and future initiatives."

7. During the 1981 session the following official documents dealing with Chemical Weapons were presented to the Committee on Disarmament:

- CD/142 submitted by Sweden entitled "Prohibition of retention or acquisition of a chemical warfare capability enabling use of chemical weapons (4 Annexes)"
- CD/164 submitted by Finland entitled "Creation of Chemical Weapons Control Capacity — Present Phase and Goals of the Finnish Project"
- CD/167 submitted by Canada entitled "Verification and Control Requirements for a Chemical Arms Control Treaty based on an Analysis of Activities"
- CD/168 submitted by China entitled "Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: on the Definition of Chemical Warfare Agents"
- CD/169 submitted by China entitled "Dismantling of Production Facilities/ Means of Production for Chemical Weapons"