

Report of Working Group C

1. Working Group C held 14 meetings from 6 March to 9 August 1985. In addition the Chairman held five open-ended consultations with delegations.

2. In accordance with the terms of reference for Working Group C (CD/CW/WP.98) it attempted to draft the following articles:

Article VII - National Implementation Measures

Article VIII - Consultative Committee

Article IX - Consultation, Co-operation and Fact-finding

Working Group C used document CD/CW/WP.106, Alternative I, tabled by the Chairman on 12 April 1985, as a technical basis for the drafting exercise.

3. Working Group C was able to agree on texts of drafts of Article VII and Article VIII, the texts of which are attached to this report. In the context of Article VII it was suggested that guidelines for the functioning of the national authority for the implementation of the Convention be elaborated. Working Group C was only able to agree on paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article IX. Further work is required to bring Article IX to the same stage of development as Article VII and Article VIII.

4. In accordance with the mandate for the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons (CD/551) the texts agreed upon are of a preliminary nature and not binding on any delegation at this stage of the negotiations.