

IV. SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATIONS DURING THE SECOND PART OF THE 1982 SESSION

"13. During the second part of its 1982 session, the Group at the suggestion of the Chairman, proceeded to another detailed examination of the Revised Elements and of the Comments Thereto, contained in document CD/CW/WP.33 and Corr.1 with a view to elaborating the provisions of the future convention.

"14. As a result of the consideration of the Revised Elements and of the Comments Thereto, and after extensive informal consultations in the Working Group, the Working Group accepted the Chairman's suggestion to establish nine open-ended contact groups in order to advance the process of elaboration of the convention. These informal contact groups, which are listed below, dealt with the following spheres of the convention:

- (a) Element I: scope of the chemical weapons convention;
(Co-ordinator: Mr. T. Melescanu, Romania)
- (b) Element II: definitions;
(Co-ordinator: Dr. J. Lundin, Sweden)
- (c) Element IV: declarations;
(Co-ordinator: Mr. T. Altaf, Pakistan)
- (d) Element V: destruction, diversion, dismantling and conversion;
(Co-ordinator: Mr. S. Duarte, Brazil)
- (e) Element IX: general provisions on verification;
(Co-ordinator: Mr. G. Skinner, Canada)
- (f) Preamble and Final Clauses of the future chemical weapons convention;
(Co-ordinator: Mr. R. Steele, Australia)
- (g) Element X: national implementation measures
(Co-ordinator: Dr. H. Thielicke, German Democratic Republic)
- (h) Element XI: national technical means of verification
(Co-ordinator: Dr. H. Thielicke, German Democratic Republic)
- (i) Elements XII and XIII: consultation and co-operation;
consultative committee.
(Co-ordinator: Miss N. Nascimbene, Argentina)

"15. The results of the work of these Contact Groups were reflected in the reports of the Co-ordinators which were discussed in-depth in the Working Group and subsequently revised by the co-ordinators. These reports are attached in-extenso in the Annex. The method of work adopted by the Working Group in the second part of its 1982 session, and in particular the functioning of open-ended contact groups, was recognised by all delegations as fully appropriate for the present stage. Delegations paid tribute to the Chairman, Ambassador Sujka, for his imaginative proposals in this regard.