

The Chemical Weapons Working Group is one of several such groups established by the forty-member Committee on Disarmament, the multilateral negotiating body in Geneva, which meets each year from early February until late August. The working groups have facilitated consideration in depth of issues on its agenda.

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