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... Whilst nuclear disarmament has the highest priority, we must recognize that the time has come to conclude without delay a convention for the complete prohibition of chemical weapons. Since the end of the 1988 session of the Conference on Disarmament, decisions have been taken which highlight the existing consensus on this issue in the international community, namely, resolutions 43/74 A and C of the United Nations General Assembly and the Final Declaration of the Paris Conference. Resolutions 43/74 A and C contain references to the work of the Conference on Disarmament on its agenda item 4. In particular, resolution 43/74 C expresses the hope that the Conference will give a strong impetus to the continuation and successful conclusion of negotiations on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on their destruction, intensifying its efforts during the 1989 session with a view to the final elaboration of the convention.

The chemical weapons issue was also addressed at a high political level at the Conference on the prohibition of chemical weapons that took place in

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