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fundamental question which is critical for any country in determining not only the size and shape of its National Authority, but also the overall national implementation effort which will be required.

With this in mind, the National Secretariat has recently commenced a survey to collect the information about the production, processing and consumption of chemicals that would be required from Australia by the Organization when the Convention comes into effect.

The survey questionnaire was developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, with the technical assistance of the Materials Research Laboratory, chemical industry organizations, and a number of chemical companies. The survey was conducted in December 1991.

Mr. President, it is my pleasure to report that document CD/1129 (Working Paper CD/CW/WP.386) which is being issued by the Secretariat, discusses the overall objectives and the approach taken in the conduct of the survey. In addition, a copy of the survey questionnaire is included as an annex to the working paper. It is our hope that this working paper, and in particular the survey methodology and questionnaire, will assist other countries in undertaking similar exercises in preparation for the implementation of the CWC.

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