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Organisation for the Prohibition
of Chemical Weapons**

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REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION

Introduction

1. In accordance with its decision of 12 February, contained in the Report of the First Session of the Preparatory Commission (PREPCOM/I/4, paragraph 27), the Commission convened its Second Session at The Hague, Kingdom of The Netherlands, from 19 to 22 April 1993.
2. As of 22 April 1993, 142 States had signed the Convention. In addition to the 137 States listed in paragraph 2 of the Report of the First Session, the following five States signed the Convention between 8 February and 22 April 1993: Armenia, Bahrain, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, and Saint Lucia.
3. The following 89 Member States participated in the Second Session of the Commission:

Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Opening of the session

4. The Session was opened by the Chairman, H.E. Ambassador E. Azikiwe of Nigeria, at 11 am on 19 April 1993.

Adoption of the Agenda

5. On 19 April the Commission adopted the following agenda for its Second Session:
 1. Opening of the Session.
 2. Adoption of the Agenda.
 3. Report of the Executive Secretary.
 4. Consideration of the Report of Working Group A and appropriate action upon:
 - (a) Budget for the 1993 financial year;
 - (b) Scale of assessments;
 - (c) Programme of work for the remainder of 1993;
 - (d) Rules of procedure;
 - (e) Financial Regulations and Rules;
 - (f) Staff Regulations and Rules;
 - (g) Privileges and Immunities Agreement with the Host Government;
 - (h) Permanent building for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.
 5. Mandate of Working Group A for the next work period.
 6. Mandate of Working Group B for the next work period.
 7. Any other business.
 8. Closure of the session, including adoption of the Report.

Report of the Executive Secretary

6. The Commission received the Report of the Executive Secretary,

Mr. Ian R. Kenyon, contained in document PREPCOM/II/3, dated 19 April 1993. The Report covered the period from 11 February through 18 April 1993. The Report reviewed the status of the building occupied by the Provisional Technical Secretariat and the status of personnel. The Report also detailed certain deficiencies in the facilities for conferences at the Congress Centre and proposed the possibility of reconfiguring a room at the Centre to serve more adequately the needs of conferences. The Report then described the work of the Groups of Experts during the intersessional period, including the documents produced by the various groups. The Executive Secretary reviewed the income and expenditures for the period, noting that the expenditures of the Commission were well within budget, but pointing out that 114 Member States had not yet paid their contributions. The Report also mentioned the institution of a newsletter, intended to provide informally Member States and non-governmental organisations with information on activities of the Commission.

Adoption of the Programme of Work

7. On 20 April 1993, the Chairman of Working Group A, H.E. Ambassador Alberto Villamizar of Colombia, presented an oral report of this Working Group regarding the adoption of the Programme of Work. The report was subsequently included in document PREPCOM/II/WGA/2
8. The Chairman of Working Group B, Mr. Sylwin Gi_owski of Poland, presented the report of this Working Group on its consideration of paragraph 6 of document PREPCOM/II/WGA/WP5.
9. On 20 April 1993, the Commission adopted the draft recommendation of Working Group A on the Programme of Work of the Preparatory Commission for the remainder of 1993 contained in PREPCOM/II/WGA/WP5, and the report of Working Group B contained in PREPCOM/II/WGB/1.

Adoption of the Budget for 1993 and the Scale of Assessments for Contributions of Member States - Agenda Items 4 (a) and 4 (b)

10. On 22 April, in offering the draft decision for adoption of the Budget and Scale of Assessment, the Chairman made the following statement:

"There was agreement that there should be the widest possible participation in the activities of the Preparatory Commission. In this regard, it was recognised that this would be greatly facilitated by provision of interpretation facilities to the maximum extent possible, consistent with efficient use of resources.

To this end, the Budget for 1993 includes provision for interpretation services at

Working Group meetings as well as at Plenary.

It is also agreed that whenever Expert Group meetings are formally convened and require specific interpretation services, the Provisional Technical Secretariat will, on a case-by-case basis, aim to make these services available in any of the languages of the Commission."

11. The Executive Secretary then made the following statement:

"I listened with great attention and concern to the debate in Working Group A on Monday afternoon on the subject of language services.

I fully recognize the importance of ensuring the maximum possible contribution from experts from as many Member States of the Commission as possible. I know that it is true that expertise in technical areas of importance to the whole of the Commission is not necessarily allied to a broad knowledge of languages other than the mother tongue and that language barriers could become a serious obstacle to our work.

If the budget recommended by Working Group A is adopted by the Commission, I will have a certain allocation for Conference Services, most of which is for interpretation or translation. If that allocation is to be used to maximum effect it will be necessary to set priorities and agree ground rules. It will also be important to find cost effective solutions to problems, including use of modern technology and innovative approaches.

I will therefore arrange for a detailed study to be prepared within the Secretariat of the options available and their cost implications. I will present this study to the Third Session of the Commission. It will be designed to provide the necessary background material both for immediate policy decisions and for development of the budget for 1994.

In the meanwhile I will do my best with the resources at my disposal to support individual experts and Groups of Experts on a pragmatic basis, case by case."

12. With regard to the approval of the Attachment B "Scale of Assessments of Members States (142) and the apportionment of the Budget of the Preparatory Commission for 1993" two delegations, without objecting to the approval of the Budget, reminded the Commission of their previously stated position regarding the Scale of Assessments of the United Nations.

13. The Commission then adopted the following decision:

"The Preparatory Commission for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons:

Appropriates, on the basis of an exchange rate of 1.78 Netherlands guilders to 1 United States dollar, an amount of US\$ 8,840,796 for the budget expenses of the Provisional Technical Secretariat for the calendar year 1993, as indicated in Attachment A;

Decides that the above appropriation shall be financed from contributions by Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments as contained in Attachment B, taking into account contributions already made;

Requests Member States to pay their contributions to the 1993 budget in full within 30 days of the receipt of the communication of the Executive Secretary requesting the contribution;

Authorises the Executive Secretary to incur expenditures not exceeding the amount of US\$8,840,796 and in accordance with the appropriations specified in Attachment A, including reimbursing the Secretary-General of the United Nations for expenses incurred by him in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 47/39;

Decides that for the financial administration of this budget, the financial regulations and rules of the United Nations, as contained in document ST/SGB/Financial Rules/1/Rev.3 (1985), shall apply mutatis mutandis until the Preparatory Commission has approved its own financial regulations and rules;

Directs that appropriations voted for the calendar year 1993 shall be managed prudently so as to ensure that expenditures can be met from the funds available.

Understands that it may at any time decide to allocate, in a cost efficient manner, the resources needed to ensure, as appropriate, the necessary levels of language-related services for the activities of the subsidiary bodies.

ATTACHMENT A**Budget for 1993 of the Preparatory Commission for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**

(In United States dollars)

Projected costs by section

Personnel (Grade related and associated costs)	5,161,675
Conference Services	2,411,637
Travel	167,984
Transportation	89,500
Communications	110,000
Computer Equipment	340,000
Stationery	110,000
Contract Studies	250,000
Unallocated Services	200,000
Total	US\$ 8,840,796

ATTACHMENT B

Scale of Assessments of Member States (142) and Apportionment of the Budget of the Preparatory Commission for 1993

	Member States	United Nations Scale for 1993 %	Commission Scale %	Apportionment US\$
1	Afghanistan	0.01	0.01004	887.54
2	Albania	0.01	0.01004	887.54
3	Algeria	0.16	0.16063	14,200.66
4	Argentina	0.57	0.57223	50,589.84
5	Armenia	0.13	0.13051	11,538.03
6	Australia	1.51	1.51591	134,018.69
7	Austria	0.75	0.75294	66,565.58
8	Azerbaijan	0.22	0.22086	19,525.90
9	Bahrain	0.03	0.03012	2,662.62
10	Bangladesh	0.01	0.01004	887.54
11	Belarus	0.48	0.48188	47,237.83
12	Belgium	1.06	1.06415	94,079.35
13	Benin	0.01	0.01004	887.54
14	Bolivia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
15	Brazil	1.59	1.59623	141,119.02
16	Brunei Darussalam	0.03	0.03012	2,662.62
17	Bulgaria	0.13	0.13051	11,538.03
18	Burkina Faso	0.01	0.01004	887.54
19	Burundi	0.01	0.01004	887.54
20	Cambodia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
21	Cameroon	0.01	0.01004	887.54
22	Canada	3.11	3.12218	276,025.25
23	Cape Verde	0.01	0.01004	887.54
24	Central African Republic	0.01	0.01004	887.54
25	Chile	0.08	0.08031	7,100.33
26	China	0.77	0.77301	68,340.66
27	Colombia	0.13	0.13051	11,538.03
28	Comoros	0.01	0.01004	887.54
29	Congo	0.01	0.01004	887.54
30	Cook Islands	0.01	0.01004	887.54
31	Costa Rica	0.01	0.01004	887.54
32	Cote d'Ivoire	0.02	0.02008	1,775.08
33	Croatia	0.13	0.13051	11,538.03
34	Cuba	0.09	0.09035	7,987.87
35	Cyprus	0.02	0.02008	1,775.08
36	Czech Republic	0.37	0.37145	32,839.02

	Member States	United Nations Scale for 1993 %	Commission Scale %	Apportionment US\$
37	Denmark	0.65	0.65254	57,690.17
38	Dominican Republic	0.02	0.02008	1,775.08
39	Ecuador	0.03	0.03012	2,662.62
40	El Salvador	0.01	0.01004	887.54
41	Equatorial Guinea	0.01	0.01004	887.54
42	Estonia	0.07	0.07027	6,212.79
43	Ethiopia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
44	Fiji	0.01	0.01004	887.54
45	Finland	0.57	0.57223	50,589.84
46	France	6.00	6.02349	532,524.61
47	Gabon	0.02	0.02008	1,775.08
48	Gambia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
49	Georgia	0.21	0.21082	18,638.36
50	Germany	8.93	8.96496	792,574.12
51	Ghana	0.01	0.01004	887.54
52	Greece	0.35	0.35137	31,063.94
53	Guatemala	0.02	0.02008	1,775.08
54	Guinea	0.01	0.01004	887.54
55	Guinea-Bissau	0.01	0.01004	887.54
56	Haiti	0.01	0.01004	887.54
57	Holy See	0.01	0.01004	887.54
58	Honduras	0.01	0.01004	887.54
59	Hungary	0.18	0.18070	15,975.74
60	Iceland	0.03	0.03012	2,662.62
61	India	0.36	0.36141	31,951.48
62	Indonesia	0.16	0.16063	14,200.66
63	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.77	0.77301	68,340.66
64	Ireland	0.18	0.18070	15,975.74
65	Israel	0.23	0.23090	20,413.44
66	Italy4.29	4.30680	380,755.09	
67	Japan	12.45	12.49875	1,104,988.56
68	Kazakhstan	0.35	0.35137	31,063.94
69	Kenya	0.01	0.01004	887.54
70	Kuwait	0.25	0.25098	22,188.53
71	Kyrgyzstan	0.01	0.01004	887.54
72	Liberia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
73	Lithuania	0.15	0.15059	13,313.12
74	Luxembourg	0.06	0.06023	5,325.25
75	Madagascar	0.01	0.01004	887.54
76	Malawi	0.01	0.01004	887.54
77	Malaysia	0.12	0.12047	10,650.49

	Member States	United Nations Scale for 1993 %	Commission Scale %	Apportionment US\$
78	Mali	0.01	0.01004	887.54
79	Malta	0.01	0.01004	887.54
80	Marshall Islands	0.01	0.01004	887.54
81	Mauritania	0.01	0.01004	887.54
82	Mauritius	0.01	0.01004	887.54
83	Mexico	0.88	0.88345	78,103.61
84	Micronesia (Fed. States of)	0.01	0.01004	887.54
85	Monaco	0.01	0.01004	887.54
86	Mongolia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
87	Morocco	0.03	0.03012	2,662.62
88	Myanmar	0.01	0.01004	887.54
89	Namibia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
90	Nauru	0.01	0.01004	887.54
91	Nepal	0.01	0.01004	887.54
92	Netherlands	1.50	1.50587	133,131.15
93	New Zealand	0.24	0.24094	21,300.98
94	Nicaragua	0.01	0.01004	887.54
95	Niger	0.01	0.01004	887.54
96	Nigeria	0.20	0.20078	17,750.82
97	Norway	0.55	0.55215	48,814.76
98	Oman	0.03	0.03012	2,662.62
99	Pakistan	0.06	0.06023	5,325.25
100	Papua New Guinea	0.01	0.01004	887.54
101	Paraguay	0.02	0.02008	1,775.08
102	Peru	0.06	0.06023	5,325.25
103	Philippines	0.07	0.07027	6,212.79
104	Poland	0.47	0.47184	41,714.43
105	Portugal	0.20	0.20078	17,750.82
106	Qatar	0.05	0.05020	4,437.71
107	Republic of Korea	0.69	0.69270	61,240.33
108	Republic of Moldova	0.15	0.15059	13,313.12
109	Romania	0.17	0.17067	15,088.20
110	Russian Federation	6.71	6.73627	595,540.02
111	Saint Lucia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
112	Samoa	0.01	0.01004	887.54
113	San Marino	0.01	0.01004	887.54
114	Saudi Arabia	0.96	0.96376	85,203.94
115	Senegal	0.01	0.01004	887.54
116	Seychelles	0.01	0.01004	887.54
117	Sierra Leone	0.01	0.01004	887.54
118	Singapore	0.12	0.12047	10,650.49

Member States	United Nations Scale for 1993 %	Commission Scale %	Apportionment US\$
119 Slovak Republic	0.18	0.18070	15,975.74
120 Slovenia	0.09	0.09035	7,987.87
121 South Africa	0.41	0.41161	36,389.18
122 Spain	1.98	1.98775	175,733.12
123 Sri Lanka	0.01	0.01004	887.54
124 Sweden	1.11	1.11435	98,517.05
125 Switzerland	1.16	1.16454	102,954.76
126 Tajikistan	0.05	0.05020	4,437.71
127 Thailand	0.11	0.11043	9,762.95
128 Togo	0.01	0.01004	887.54
129 Tunisia	0.03	0.03012	2,662.62
130 Turkey	0.27	0.27106	23,963.61
131 Uganda	0.01	0.01004	887.54
132 Ukraine	1.87	1.87732	165,970.17
133 United Arab Emirates	0.21	0.21082	18,638.36
134 United Kingdom	5.02	5.03965	445,545.59
135 United States	25.00	25.09788	2,218,852.52
136 Uruguay	0.04	0.04016	3,550.16
137 Venezuela	0.49	0.49192	43,489.51
138 Viet Nam	0.01	0.01004	887.54
139 Yemen	0.01	0.01004	887.54
140 Zaire	0.01	0.01004	887.54
141 Zambia	0.01	0.01004	887.54
142 Zimbabwe	0.01	0.01004	887.54
	99.61	100.00000	8,840,796.00

The assessment is based on the percentage of the Scale of Assessments of the United Nations adjusted for the fact that the total of such percentages relating to those States which have so far signed the Convention amounts to 99.61 per cent. Hence the formula used for arriving at the assessed amount for a given Member State is as follows:

Assessment of Member State Y equal to UN percentage of State Y **multiplied by** the total amount of PREPCOM budget **divided by** 99.61."

14. Following the adoption of the Budget the co-ordinator of the Latin American Group made the following statement:

"The Latin American Group listened attentively to the statements made by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary this morning on the use of all the official languages of the United Nations by this Preparatory Commission and subsidiary bodies.

These statements and the resolution which has been adopted containing the budget for 1993, have been the object of intense discussions and consultations with a view to reaching a delicate consensus which takes minimal account of the interests of the various parties.

The Latin American Group has aligned itself with this consensus as proof of its flexible and constructive attitude, to enable the Technical Secretariat and the various Working Groups to continue the important task of establishing the necessary basis for setting up the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

At the same time, we note with satisfaction that all the Groups and Officials in the Commission have voiced their concern that universal participation at all levels of the Preparatory Commission should not be restricted by considerations of language.

It is felt by the Group, however, that the agreements we have reached do not match our expectations on this point, since interpreting services will be provided on a case-by-case basis with no permanent solution.

We feel that the document to be submitted to us by the Executive Secretary at the next plenary session will provide an opportunity for a careful review of this question in order to find permanent solutions for inclusion in the 1994 budget.

Similarly, we wish to express our appreciation to the Executive Secretary, who has stated his willingness to find answers to the problem of communication on a pragmatic basis within the financial constraints of the 1993 budget."

15. At the same meeting, the co-ordinator of the Asian Group made the following statement:

"With regard to the papers just adopted and the statements made by you, Mr Chairman, and the distinguished Executive Secretary, on behalf of the Asian Group of states, I would like to state the following:

- (i) The Asian Group has agreed to new provisions on the addition of new languages for the work of the Commission. Here there is a need to strike a balance between efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The Asian Group has the understanding that the new measures will be taken on language-related services within the budget of 1993 with no addition.

- (ii) This principle should be kept in mind for the preparation of the budget for 1994.
 - (iii) This agreement is effective until the Third Plenary Session when the Executive Secretary will report to the Plenary Session on the financial implications incurred as the result of addition of new languages.
 - (iv) The Asian Group maintains that for functional reasons the post of Deputy Executive Secretary should be at the D-2 level. Adoption of the budget programme should not preclude decision on that since consultations on this matter are still going on among delegations. The Asian Group wishes that this question be solved as soon as possible in an acceptable form".
16. At the same meeting the delegation of China stated that, as a member of the Asian Group, it was in full agreement with the statement read out by the co-ordinator of the Group at the Plenary Session.
17. At the same meeting the delegation of the Russian Federation stated that considering the evident financial implications of extending language-related services to the meetings of experts' groups, it believed that, without any prejudice to the equality of the languages of the Preparatory Commission, such services at the groups of experts meetings should be avoided. At the same time, considering the planned presence of Russian technical experts at the experts' group meetings, the delegation of the Russian Federation took note of the statements made by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary.
18. At the same meeting the delegation of Japan made the following statement:
- "The delegation of Japan accepts the compromise which was just read by the Chairman of the PrepCom as well as by Mr. Kenyon, the Executive Secretary of the Provisional Technical Secretariat.

But my delegation wishes to remind the Commission that when the Chemical Weapons Convention was on its way of long painstaking and hard negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament, one of the main concerns was how to deter, dissuade and prevent abuse of any kind, inter alia, in the field of the Executive Council and of challenge inspection. Initiatives in this regard were taken by several delegations in the Conference on Disarmament. Nevertheless, the compromise which has just been read out contains some elements which have room for abuse in the field of languages which will, in case some abuse takes place, inevitably have financial implications. But it was not the case here. We would have wanted to see a mechanism be integrated in the formula which was read out so that any abuse may be avoided.

Therefore, my delegation requests the Executive Secretary to pay due attention so that abuse be avoided. Moreover, my delegation is of opinion that, in the course of executing the now adopted budget for 1993, even if a supplementary budget request would be presented in the field of Conference Services, we will find it difficult to accept it."

19. At the same meeting, the delegation of France made the following statement:

"Expressing itself in a national capacity, the delegation of France observed with satisfaction that the discussions of the last few days have brought to the fore the importance of the question of multilingualism in the Commission's work which, as indicated by the numerous and eloquent declarations made in this respect, reflects preoccupations which are not limited to a single country or a very few countries but which constitute a central factor in preserving the essential requirement of universality.

France tempered this positive observation with the regret that the Commission has not been in a position to provide a totally satisfying reply to these preoccupations in the name of financial imperatives whose justification it has recognised in a general way, but concerning which it has taken the view that they have been taken into account in a selective way and that they should not undermine the fundamental principles of multilateralism, under which there may be no discrimination by reason of languages. It has taken the view that the Preparatory Commission formed a whole where no difference of treatment between the plenary and subsidiary bodies could be allowed, in accordance with its interpretation of the provisions of the rules of procedure, and that this fact should be reflected in the budget.

France also thanks the Chairman and the Executive Secretary for the declarations they have thoughtfully pronounced and for the undertakings they had taken that constituted a first step. Nevertheless, it has expressed the concern that, in the way that the budget was constructed, difficulties shall arise in the near future. It has indicated that it will certainly return to this question at the time of the next plenary session and will examine with the greatest attention the information that the Executive Secretary has undertaken to provide, with a view to establishing the basis for a subsequent decision of a budgetary nature."

Adoption of the Rules of Procedure - Agenda Item 4 (d)

20. The Commission adopted the draft Rules of Procedure contained in document PREPCOM/II/WGA/WP.1, with Rule 10 amended as follows:

"The Secretariat shall be composed of the Executive Secretary, who shall be its head and chief **executive** officer, and such other staff as may be required."

21. In relation to Article 26, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Preparatory Commission, the delegations of Cuba and Mexico expressed their preference that the

decision whether a question was a matter of substance or procedure should be taken by a simple majority of members present and voting.

Mandate to Working Groups A and B - Agenda Item 5 and 6

22. The Commission decided no further action was required beyond that taken in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 above.

Other Business - Agenda Item 7

Report of the Credentials Committee

23. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Professor Natalino Ronzitti of Italy, presented an addendum to that Committee's report contained in document PREPCOM/I/3. The addendum is contained in PREPCOM/I/3/Add.1, dated 22 April 1993.

Statement of the Executive Secretary on Personnel Appointments

24. The Executive Secretary reported that three of the D-1 level appointments were now filled: Mr Gee (Head of Verification), Mr Batsanov (Head of External Affairs), and Mr Calderon (Legal Adviser). The person whom the Executive Secretary had recommended for the post of Head of Administration had declined the offer.

The Executive Secretary stated that he now recommended the appointment as Deputy Executive Secretary of Mr Li Chang-he of China and, as Head of Administration, Mr Reuben Lev of the United States of America.

The Executive Secretary reported that, after consulting with representatives of Member States from Africa, he had agreed to accept further nominations for the post of Head of Technical Co-operation and Assistance. He requested Member States from Africa to provide him with the names of any further candidates by 1 June 1993 to enable him to make a recommendation regarding this appointment to the Third Session of the Commission.

25. The Commission authorised the Executive Secretary to proceed immediately on its behalf with the appointment of the senior officers he had recommended.

Working Papers

26. On 22 April delegations presented the following papers:

The delegation of Finland introduced its working paper PREPCOM/II/WP.1, dated 19 April 1993, entitled "Training of Future Inspectors of the Organization for the Prohibition of the Chemical Weapons (OPCW)";

The delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced a working paper, PREPCOM/II/WP.2, dated 21 April 1993, submitted by The Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, entitled "A Proposal for a Training Scheme for Members of OPCW Inspection Teams";

The delegation of Turkey introduced a working paper, PREPCOM/II/WP.3, dated 22 April 1993, submitted by Austria, Republic of Korea, South Africa and Turkey, entitled "Quick Reference Guide to the Basic Rights and Obligations of a State Party to the Chemical Weapons Convention";

The delegation of France introduced its working paper PREPCOM/II/WP.4, dated 22 April 1993, entitled "The French Training Centre for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons".

The delegation of Bulgaria introduced its working paper PREPCOM/II/WGB/WP.1, dated 20 April 1993, entitled "Professional Qualifications and Experience of Applicants for Inspectors and Training Courses for Inspectors in the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons".

27. Other delegations circulated informal papers on various items on the agenda.

Date and agenda of the Third Session

28. The Commission adopted the following decision:

"The Preparatory Commission:

Decides to hold its Third Plenary Session from 28 June to 2 July 1993 at The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands;

Decides to consider the following draft Agenda for adoption at the opening of its Third Session:

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report of the Executive Secretary
4. Consideration of the Report of Working Group A and appropriate action thereon

5. Consideration of the Report of Working Group B and appropriate action thereon
6. Report of the Credentials Committee
7. Any other business
8. Date and Agenda of its next session
9. Closure of the session, including adoption of the Report. "

Closure of the Second Session, including adoption of the Report

29. The Commission adopted its Report, and the Chairman closed the Second Session on 22 April 1993 at 8.30 pm.