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REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE 1980s AS THE SECOND DISARMAMENT
DECADE AND CONSIDERATION OF INITIATIVES AND PROPOSALS OF MEMBER STATES

Letter dated 24 June 1982 from the Acting Chairman of the Delegation of
the German Democratic Republic to the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee
of the Twelfth Special Session

I have the honour to submit to you a working paper of the German Democratic
Republic entitled "Prohibition of chemical and bacteriological weapons".

May I request you to arrange for that work paper to be circulated as a
document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly under agenda
items 9 and 11.

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ANNEX

Working paper

Prohibition of chemical and bacteriological weapons

1. With reference to paragraph 75 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session and to General Assembly resolution 36/96 B (Prohibition of chemical and bacteriological weapons), the German Democratic Republic proposes the following for inclusion in the decisions and recommendations of the twelfth special session:

"The General Assembly calls for an immediate cessation of the qualitative improvement and development of chemical weapons in order to guarantee an early ban of all chemical weapons. Therefore, the necessity of the earliest possible elaboration and conclusion of a convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and on their destruction is reaffirmed, and all States are urged to refrain from any action which could impede the negotiations on the prohibition of chemical weapons and specifically refrain from the production, stockpiling and deployment of binary and other new types of chemical weapons as well as the deployment/stationing of chemical weapons on the territories of States where there are no such weapons at present."

2. In this proposal, the German Democratic Republic is guided by the considerations set forth below:

3. The inclusion of these paragraphs in a final document would correspond with the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons of the Committee on Disarmament for the 1982 session "... to elaborate such a convention, taking into account all existing proposals and future initiatives with a view to enabling the Committee to achieve agreement at the earliest date".

4. The German Democratic Republic holds the view that the "Basic provisions of a convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction" submitted by the USSR on 16 June 1982 (A/S-12/AC.1/12) set the stage for a breakthrough in reaching an international convention on the ban of all chemical weapons.

5. General Assembly resolution 36/96 B calls upon all States to refrain from any action which could impede negotiations on the prohibition of chemical weapons and specifically to refrain from the production, deployment and further development of binary and other types of chemical weapons, as well as from stationing chemical weapons in those States where there are no such weapons at present.

6. Attention is drawn to the fact that urgent measures have to be taken immediately to put a stop to all steps bound to delay or impede the early conclusion of a convention on the prohibition of all chemical weapons and to further complicate or make impossible the verification of such a convention.
7. Qualitative improvement and development of chemical weapons, such as in binary weapons, increases the danger also in this field that a chemical arms race overtakes the negotiating process.