
Decision on the re-establishment of an ad hoc subsidiary body
on chemical weapons

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The Conference on Disarmament, keeping in mind that the negotiation of a Convention should proceed with a view to its final elaboration at the earliest possible date, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 38/187/B, and in discharging its responsibility to conduct as a priority task the negotiations on a multilateral convention on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction, and to ensure the preparation of the convention, decides to re-establish, in accordance with its rules of procedure, for the duration of its 1984 session, an ad hoc subsidiary body to start the full and complete process of negotiations, developing and working out the convention, except for its final drafting, taking into account all existing proposals and drafts as well as future initiatives with a view to giving the Conference a possibility to achieve an agreement as soon as possible. This agreement, if possible, or a Report on the progress of the negotiations, should be recorded in the report which this ad hoc subsidiary body will submit to the Conference at the end of the second part of its 1984 session.

The Conference also decides to appoint Ambassador Rolf Ekéus of Sweden as Chairman of this ad hoc subsidiary body.

The term "ad hoc subsidiary body" is used in this connection pending a decision by the Conference on the designation to be adopted with due urgency within two weeks for its subsidiary bodies without prejudice to existing practice in this regard.

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