

Committee on Disarmament
1979-1983

15. The ad hoc Working Group, under the Chairmanship of the representative of Argentina, who was also the Chairman of the Committee, held 17 meetings. At the 15th plenary meeting of the Committee the Chairman submitted the draft rules of procedure. The draft rules of procedure, as recommended by the ad hoc Working Group, were adopted by the Committee. In reference to these rules and before their adoption, the Chairman, as a result of consultations with the Committee, made an interpretative statement contained in appendix I. Interpretative statements were also made by a number of delegations in connexion with the text adopted.

16. At its 26th plenary meeting the Committee also adopted annex I to its rules of procedure. The text of the rules of procedure and its annex I (CD/8) appear in appendix I to this report which is an integral part of the report of this Committee.

17. At the 11th meeting, after informal consultations, the Chairman stated that the arrangements made by the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, in connexion with the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events, should be maintained. The Chairman also found general agreement that the Group, which is open to all members of the Committee on Disarmament, should remain open to States not members of the Committee. The Committee took note of the arrangements made by the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament and of the general agreement that wider participation in the Ad Hoc Group would be desirable.

D. Agenda for the 1979 session and programme of work for the first and second parts of the session

18. At its 18th plenary meeting the Committee decided to establish an ad hoc Working Group, open to the participation of all member States of the Committee, to consider questions relating to the preparation of the agenda and programme of work of the Committee, in order to enable the Chairman to draw up the provisional agenda and programme of work in conformity with rule 29 of the rules of procedure.

19. The ad hoc Working Group, under the Chairmanship of the representative of Australia, who was also the Chairman of the Committee, held 11 meetings.

20. During the 26th plenary meeting some delegations made statements in connexion with the provisional agenda. At the 27th plenary meeting the Chairman introduced a proposal of the ad hoc Working Group indicating specific dates and items in the programme of work. The Committee then adopted the agenda and programme of work which are reproduced below (CD/12).

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

"(adopted at the 26th and 27th plenary meetings held on 10 and 11 April 1979)

"The Committee on Disarmament, as the multilateral negotiating forum, shall promote the attainment of general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

"The Committee, taking into account inter alia the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly

devoted to disarmament, will deal with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures in the following areas:

- "I. Nuclear weapons in all aspects;
- "II. Chemical weapons;
- "III. Other weapons of mass destruction;
- "IV. Conventional weapons;
- "V. Reduction of military budgets;
- "VI. Reduction of armed forces;
- "VII. Disarmament and development;
- "VIII. Disarmament and international security;
- "IX. Collateral measures; confidence-building measures; effective verification methods in relation to appropriate disarmament measures, acceptable to all parties concerned;
- "X. Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament leading to general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

"Within the above framework, the Committee on Disarmament adopts the following agenda for 1979 which includes items that, in conformity with the provisions of section VIII of its rules of procedure, would be considered by the Committee:

- "1. Nuclear test ban.
- "2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
- "3. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
- "4. Chemical weapons.
- "5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
- "6. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

"In compliance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the Committee also adopts the following programme of work for the first part of its 1979 session:

"PROGRAMME OF WORK

- 19-23 April: Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
- 24-27 April: Chemical weapons.

"In adopting its agenda and programme of work, the Committee has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its rules of procedure."

21. At the 26th plenary meeting of the Committee the Chairman introduced document CD/L.2/Rev.1 on the provisional agenda and programme of work of the Committee and announced the following understanding:

"In submitting the provisional agenda of the Committee on Disarmament, it is the understanding of all members of the Committee that heading IX, dealing inter alia with 'collateral measures', includes the following questions, to be considered by the Committee at the appropriate stages of its work:

- "(1) Further prohibition of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques;
- "(2) Further measures in the field of disarmament to prevent an arms race on the sea-bed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;
- "(3) Further measures to prevent an arms race in outer space."

22. During the second part of the 1979 session of the Committee the question of the programme of work was considered, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure. The Chairman submitted at the 33rd plenary meeting a proposal on the programme of work for the second part of the session which was adopted by the Committee. It read as follows:

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| "21-22 June: | Nuclear test ban. |
| "25-29 June: | Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. |
| "2-6 July: | Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament. |
| "10-13 July: | New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons. |
| "16-27 July: | Chemical weapons. |
| "30 July-3 August: | Nuclear test ban. |
| "... | Consideration and adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations.* |

"In adopting its programme of work, the Committee has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its rules of procedure."

"* In accordance with rule 44 of the rules of procedure, the draft reports to the United Nations General Assembly shall be made available to all member States of the Committee for consideration at least two weeks before the scheduled date for their adoption."

23. The Committee devoted the period from 6 to 14 August 1979 to the consideration and adoption of its annual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

E. Participation by States not members of the Committee

24. The following States not members of the Committee communicated their intention to attend the plenary meetings of the Committee: Austria, Burundi, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kuwait, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Qatar, Senegal, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Turkey and Viet Nam.

25. The Committee on Disarmament received and considered requests to participate in its work (CD/14, CD/16, CD/26, CD/30, CD/34 and CD/38) from the following States not members of the Committee: Finland, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Spain and Denmark.

26. In accordance with its rules of procedure, and having received and considered requests from Finland, Switzerland, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Spain and Denmark, the Committee invited:

(a) The representative of Finland to participate in the work of the Committee during its 1979 session on chemical weapons, at both formal and informal meetings, in accordance with rules 33 and 35;

(b) The representative of Switzerland to make a statement in the Committee on the question of chemical weapons, in accordance with rule 34;

(c) The representative of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to participate in the work of the Committee during its 1979 session in the consideration of the question of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, both at its formal and informal meetings, in accordance with rules 33 to 35;

(d) An expert from Spain to participate in the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events, pursuant to the decision adopted by the Committee on 15 February 1979;

(e) The representative of Spain to make a statement in the Committee when it took up the question of chemical weapons, in accordance with rule 34;

(f) The representative of Denmark to participate in the work of the Committee during its 1979 session on chemical weapons, both at its formal and informal meetings, as well as in any subsidiary body that the Committee might establish on that question, in accordance with rules 33 to 35.

27. At its 43rd plenary meeting, the Committee also decided, in accordance with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, that representatives of non-member States should have reserved seats during informal meetings on chemical weapons.

F. Communications from non-governmental organizations

28. In accordance with rule 42 of the rules of procedure, a list of all communications from non-governmental organizations was circulated to the Committee (CD/NGO.1).

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT
(adopted at the 61st plenary meeting held on 19 February 1980)

The Committee on Disarmament, as the multilateral negotiating forum, shall promote the attainment of general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

The Committee, taking into account inter alia the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, will deal with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures in the following areas:

- I. Nuclear weapons in all aspects;
- II. Chemical weapons;
- III. Other weapons of mass destruction;
- IV. Conventional weapons;
- V. Reduction of military budgets;
- VI. Reduction of armed forces;
- VII. Disarmament and development;
- VIII. Disarmament and international security;
- IX. Collateral measures; confidence-building measures; effective verification methods in relation to appropriate disarmament measures, acceptable to all parties concerned;
- X. Comprehensive programme of disarmament leading to general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

Within the above framework, the Committee on Disarmament adopts the following agenda for 1980 which includes items that, in conformity with the provisions of section VIII of its rules of procedure, would be considered by the Committee:

1. Nuclear test ban.
2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
3. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
4. Chemical weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.

6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In compliance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the Committee also adopts the following programme of work for the first part of its 1980 session:

PROGRAMME OF WORK

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In adopting its agenda and programme of work, the Committee has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its rules of procedure.

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12 March 1980

Original: ENGLISH

PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT
(adopted at the 67th plenary meeting held on 11 March 1980)

- 5-15 February : Statements in the plenary. Consideration of the agenda and programme of work.
- 19-29 February : Preliminary consideration, including the question of the establishment of ad hoc working groups, of the following items: nuclear test ban; effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; radiological weapons; chemical weapons and comprehensive programme of disarmament.
- 3-7 March : Nuclear test ban - Chemical weapons - Consideration of the question of the establishment of ad hoc working groups.
- 11-12 March : Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
- 13-14 March : Chemical weapons - radiological weapons.
- 17-28 March : Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
- 31 March - 4 April : New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
- 7-18 April : Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
- 21-25 April : Nuclear test ban.
- 28-29 April : Reports of ad hoc working groups, if any.

Original: ENGLISH

Programme of Work of the Committee on Disarmament
for the Second Part of its 1980 Session
(Adopted at the 84th plenary meeting on 17 June 1980)

In compliance with rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure and taking into account rule 30, the Committee on Disarmament adopts the following programme of work for the second part of its 1980 session:

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| 12-16 June | Consideration of the programme of work for the second part of the 1980 session. |
| 17-20 June | Nuclear test ban. |
| 23 June-4 July | Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament. ^{1/} |
| 7-16 July | New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons. |
| 17-25 July | Nuclear test ban. |
| 28 July- ... August | Consideration of the reports of the <u>ad hoc</u> working groups on (a) international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (b) comprehensive programme of disarmament (c) radiological weapons and (d) chemical weapons; ^{2/}
Consideration and adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations. ^{3/} |

Members of the Committee wishing to make statements in the plenary on items before the ad hoc working groups may do so at any time.

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- 1/ As decided by the Committee at its 82nd plenary meeting on 29 April 1980, the period 24-26 June will also be devoted to informal meetings with experts on matters related to chemical weapons.
- 2/ Reports of ad hoc working groups that are ready may be considered at plenary or informal meetings earlier.
- 3/ In accordance with rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure, the draft reports to the United Nations General Assembly shall be made available to all Member States of the Committee for consideration at least two weeks before the scheduled date for their adoption. The annual report of the Committee will, inter alia, deal with the following two questions: (a) State of the consideration of the proposals and suggestions listed in paragraph 125 of the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and (b) Consideration of the modalities of the review of the membership of the Committee. Informal meetings to consider these two questions will be scheduled earlier.

In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee at its 82nd plenary meeting on 29 April 1980, the ad hoc working groups established by the Committee shall meet for the first time during the second part of the 1980 session on the following dates:

- Radiological Weapons on 16 June at 3.00 p.m.
- Chemical Weapons on 17 June at 3.30 p.m.
- Effective International Arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons on 18 June at 3.00 p.m.
- Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament on 19 June at 3.00 p.m.

Thereafter the ad hoc working groups shall hold at least one meeting per week, as follows:

- Radiological Weapons on Mondays afternoon
- Effective International Arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons on Tuesdays afternoon
- Chemical Weapons on Wednesdays afternoon
- Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament on Thursdays afternoon

Additional meetings of the ad hoc working groups will be convened weekly after consultation between the Chairman of the Committee and the Chairmen of the ad hoc working groups, according to the circumstances and needs of the various groups, as well as availability of additional time for meetings, bearing in mind the need for equitable allocation of time among the ad hoc working groups.

In adopting its programme of work, the Committee has kept in mind the provisions of its Rules of Procedure.

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5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

"The Committee will conduct its work bearing in mind the contribution that it should make to the success of the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

"In compliance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the Committee also adopts the following programme of work for the first part of its 1981 session:

3-6 February	Statements in the plenary. Consideration of the agenda and programme of work.
9-13 February	Statements in the plenary. Preliminary consideration of the question of the establishment of subsidiary bodies on items of the agenda.
16-20 February	Nuclear test ban.
23 February-4 March	Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
5-13 March	Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
16-20 March	Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
23 March-3 April	Chemical weapons.
6-10 April	New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
13-17 April	Further consideration of agenda items.
20-24 April	Interim reports of <u>ad hoc</u> groups, if any.

"In adopting its agenda and programme of work, the Committee has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its Rules of Procedure."

"The following questions relating to the organization of work would be considered at informal meetings during the week ending 19 June as well as subsequently:

- (a) The proposal to revise the existing mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons;
- (b) The proposal to establish additional subsidiary bodies, and
- (c) The proposal to hold informal meetings with the participation of experts to consider the item 'New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons'.

"The following additional questions relating to the organization of work would also be considered at informal meetings to be scheduled by the Chairman during the session:

- (a) Consideration of the modalities of the review of the membership of the Committee on Disarmament, including the views expressed by members concerning the improved and effective functioning of the Committee;
- (b) Amendments to section IX of the rules of procedure;
- (c) Format of the report of the Committee on Disarmament to the General Assembly, taking into account the need for economy in documentation.

"It is envisaged that the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events will be duly considered at a plenary meeting in August after its submission."

10. At the same plenary meeting, the Committee adopted the programme of work proposed by the Chairman (CD/186*). It read as follows:

"In compliance with rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee on Disarmament adopts the following programme of work for the second part of its 1981 session:

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| 11-19 June | Statement in the plenary meetings.
Consideration of the programme of work for the second part of the 1981 session, as well as of the establishment of additional subsidiary bodies and questions relating to the organization of work, <u>1/</u> |
| 22-26 June | Nuclear test ban |
| 29 June-3 July | Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament. |

1/ These questions are spelt out in the statement of the Chairman.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

"In compliance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the Committee also adopts the following programme of work for the first part of its 1982 session:

2 - 16 February	Statements in the plenary. Consideration of the agenda and programme of work as well as of the establishment of subsidiary bodies on items of the agenda. ^{2/}
17 - 23 February	Nuclear test ban.
24 February - 5 March	Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
8 - 12 March	Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
15 - 19 March	New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
22 - 26 March	Chemical weapons.
29 March - 6 April	Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7 - 23 April	Consideration of the reports of the subsidiary bodies; ^{3/} consideration and adoption of the special report to the second special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations devoted to disarmament. ^{4/}

"Informal meetings of the Committee will be held at an appropriate time during the first part of the session to consider item 7 of the agenda.

"Informal meetings of the Committee will also be held early during the session to continue consideration of the modalities of the review of its membership, including proposals submitted by members for the improved and effective functioning of the Committee."

^{2/} These questions will continue to be considered subsequently, if necessary, at informal meetings of the Committee.

^{3/} Reports of subsidiary bodies that are ready may be considered earlier.

^{4/} In accordance with rule 44 of the rules of procedure the draft report shall be made available to all member States of the Committee for consideration at least two weeks before the scheduled date for its adoption.

8. At its 174th plenary meeting, the Committee decided to close the first part of the 1982 session on 23 April and to begin the second part of the session on 3 August 1982.

9. During the second part of the 1982 session of the Committee, the Chairman submitted, at the 176th plenary meeting on 5 August 1982, a proposal on the programme of work for the second part of the session. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the programme of work proposed by the Chairman (CD/304). It reads as follows:

"In compliance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the Committee on Disarmament adopts the following programme of work for the second part of its 1982 session:^{5/}

3 - 6 August

Statements in plenary meetings. Consideration of the programme of work for the second part of the 1982 session, as well as of the establishment of additional subsidiary bodies.

9 - 13 August

Chemical weapons.

16 - 20 August

Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.

23 - 27 August

Nuclear test ban.

30 August - 1 September

Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

2 - 3 September

Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

6 - 7 September

New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.^{6/}

8 - 9 September

Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

10 - 14 September

Consideration of the reports of subsidiary bodies.
Consideration and adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

^{5/} The Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons began its work on 20 July.

^{6/} Informal meetings of the Committee shall be held during this week under item 5 of the agenda "New Types of Weapons of Mass Destruction and New Systems of Such Weapons", with a view to examining proposals and suggestions pertaining to this issue. Participation of experts will be welcome in these proceedings. The informal meetings will be open to States not members of the Committee and to their respective experts.

"Plenary meetings shall be scheduled on a weekly basis, keeping in mind the workload of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

"In accordance with previous decisions of the Committee (CD/292, para. 17) informal meetings shall be held during the second part of the session on ways and means of enhancing the effectiveness of the Committee's operations.

"Meetings of the ad hoc working groups will be convened after consultations between the Chairman of the Committee and the Chairmen of the ad hoc working groups according to the circumstances and needs of the various groups.

"As decided by the Committee at its 167th plenary meeting, the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events shall meet from 9 to 20 August.

"The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons will hold consultations with delegations on technical questions from 2 to 6 August.

"In adopting its programme of work, the Committee has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its Rules of Procedure."

10. At its 187th plenary meeting, on 16 September 1982, the Committee decided to close its 1982 session on 17 September.

D. Participation by States not Members of the Committee

11. In conformity with rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure, the following States not members of the Committee attended plenary meetings of the Committee: Austria, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Holy See, Ireland, Madagascar, Norway, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey and Viet Nam.

12. The Committee received and considered requests to participate in its work from States not members of the Committee. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Committee invited:

(a) the representatives of Austria, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Norway, Senegal and Spain to participate during 1982 in the discussions on the substantive items on the agenda at plenary and informal meetings of the Committee, as well as in the meetings of Ad Hoc Working Groups established for the 1982 session;

(b) the representative of Turkey to participate during 1982 in the discussions on the substantive items on the agenda at plenary and informal meetings of the Committee, as well as in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament;

(c) the representative of Tunisia to participate during 1982 in the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons; and

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Within the above framework, the Committee on Disarmament adopts the following agenda for 1983 which includes items that, in conformity with the provisions of section VIII of its Rules of Procedure, would be considered by it:

1. Nuclear test ban.
2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament; prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
4. Chemical weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Programme of Work

In compliance with rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee also adopts the following programme of work for the first part of its 1983 session:

	(Statements in the plenary. Consideration of the agenda and programme of work as well as of the establishment of subsidiary bodies on items of the agenda.
1 February - 31 March	Chemical weapons. Nuclear test ban. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
4 - 8 April	Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
11 - 15 April	New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
18 - 22 April	Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
25 - 29 April	Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.

Informal meetings of the Committee will be held to continue consideration of the question of the review of its membership, as well as proposals submitted by members for its improved and effective functioning. Section II of General Assembly Resolution 37/99 K regarding the designation of the Committee will also be considered at informal meetings.

Meetings of ad hoc working groups will be convened after consultations between the Chairman of the Committee and the Chairmen of the ad hoc working groups according to the circumstances and needs of the groups.

The Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Co-operative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events met from 7 to 18 February.

In adopting its agenda and programme of work, the Committee has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its Rules of Procedure."

10. At the 207th plenary meeting, the Committee also took a decision on the re-establishment of ad hoc working groups for the 1983 session. The decision reads as follows:

"The Committee decides to re-establish for the duration of its 1983 session the Ad Hoc Working Groups on a Nuclear Test Ban, Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons, Chemical Weapons and Radiological Weapons, and to appoint Ambassador Herder of the German Democratic Republic as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on a Nuclear Test Ban, Ambassador Ahmad of Pakistan as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons, Ambassador McPhail of Canada as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons, and Ambassador Lidgard of Sweden as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Radiological Weapons.

It is understood that the ad hoc working groups may start their work on the basis of their former mandates. The mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group on a Nuclear Test Ban may thereafter be revised as decided by the Committee which will consider this question with appropriate urgency.

The ad hoc working groups will report to the Committee on the progress of their work before the conclusion of its 1983 session."

11. At its 213th Plenary Meeting, the Committee decided to begin the second part of the 1983 session on 14 June 1983.