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GENERAL ASSEMBLY of THE UNITED NATIONS
United Nations Building
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Gentlemen:

We are attaching a copy of a Resolution to ban nerve gas production in the United States.

This resolution was submitted by our Auxiliary to a convention of California auxiliaries held February 20-21, 1982. It was given unanimous concurrence.

The arsenal of terrifying and gruesome weapons now extant point once more to the necessity of total and complete disarmament of all nations and a renewal for methods to achieve peace in the world.

Respectfully,
Wenonah Drasnin
Mrs. Wenonah Drasnin
Secretary

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Ban plans for Nerve Gas Production

The Oakland Tribune of Jan. 15, 1982 reports: "the Reagan administration has laid the ground work for a presidential decision to begin producing a new nerve gas for chemical warfare, according to administration and congressional officials. The plan includes a request for a substantial increase in the 1983 budget for such weapons.... the administration had tentatively decided to ask for about \$810 million for chemical and biological weapons and equipment in the fiscal year 1983 which starts Oct. 1. For the current year, \$455 million is in the budget. Officials said the administration had projected a budget of \$1.4 Billion for such weapons for the fiscal year of 1984. By contrast the entire budget for chemical warfare in 1978 was \$111 million."

The plans are laid. All that remains is for the President to make a decision on production; certify to Congress the need for production of the nerve gas; to consult with U.S. allies in Europe. (Europe is said to be the most likely battlefield for chemical weapons, primarily designed for use in massed armies in land warfare)

Be it Resolved: all auxiliaries write or otherwise communicate with President Reagan, their Senators and Representatives demanding a stop to these plans for nerve gas production.

Be it resolved that we demand of Congress that no funds be allocated for nerve gas and chemical warfare and that no funds be allowed to be transferred from other sources for the nerve gas and chemical warfare.

Be it resolved further that auxiliaries send copies of this resolution to the General Assembly of the United Nations .