NOTE DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1991 TO THE SECRETARIAT OF
THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING
OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION
FROM THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE PROVIDING
THE REPORT ENTITLED: "TRANSPARENCY MECHANISMS FOR THE
CANADIAN CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENCE PROGRAM". 1/

"Canada has the honour to refer to the statement delivered by the Head of
the Delegation to the Conference on Tuesday, 10 September 1991. In that
statement, Ambassador Mason had noted that the Delegation would soon circulate
through the Secretariat a document entitled 'Transparency Mechanisms for the
Canadian Chemical and Biological Defence Program', which describes the
establishment and functioning of a Review Committee that allows certain
respected members of Canada's non-governmental community to have access to all
aspects of Canada's chemical and biological defence program. Ambassador
Mason added that we hoped that other States Parties might find this experience
to be of some interest and that it might help stimulate further discussion on
the subject of openness with respect to such programs.

"Further to these remarks, the Canadian Delegation is now pleased to
provide copies of the relevant document for distribution to delegations to the
Conference.

"The Canadian Delegation would be grateful if this Note and the copies of
the document being provided with it could be circulated as an official
document of the Third Review Conference."

1/ A limited distribution of this document in English only has been made
available to delegations participating in the Third Review Conference.
Additional copies are available from the Permanent Mission of Canada at Geneva.
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