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: "LABORATORY BIOSAFETY GUIDELINES". 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 noted that Canada believed that more could be done
in the civilian sphere in terms of reporting certain facilities. She further
noted that, with a view to stimulating discussion on this subject, the
Canadian Delegation would be circulating through the Secretariat a document
prepared by Health and Welfare Canada on the subject of 'Laboratory Biosafety
Guidelines', outlining Canadian practices in relation to classification of
agents according to risk and related physical containment levels.

"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 and French 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.