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## General and complete disarmament: measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-first session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/45 P of 10 December 1996, entitled “Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol”, operative paragraphs 1 to 3 of which read as follows:

“*The General Assembly,*

“... ”

“1. *Renews* its previous call to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925,<sup>1</sup> and reaffirms the vital necessity of upholding its provisions;

“2. *Calls upon* those States that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol to withdraw those reservations;

“3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.”

2. Since the adoption of that resolution, no additional withdrawal of reservations by States parties has been reported by the Depositary of the 1925 Geneva Protocol. Should the Secretary-General receive notice of any withdrawals of reservations to the Protocol, Member States shall be duly informed.

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\* A/53/150.

<sup>1</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.