

The PRESIDENT: The 535th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament is resumed.

We shall now proceed, as announced earlier, to take a decision on working paper CD/WP.380, entitled "Draft decision on the re-establishment of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons". This text is now being circulated. The text I am proposing today is the result of lengthy consultations, and I hope that it will meet with your approval. If there is no objection, I shall consider that the draft decision is adopted.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now turn to the appointment of the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee. You will recall that, in its report to the Conference on the 1989 session, the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons recommended that Ambassador Carl-Magnus Hyltenius of Sweden should be appointed as its Chairman for the 1990 session. As the Committee has just been re-established, I intend now to formalize the recommendation whereby Ambassador Hyltenius will be appointed Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I wish to extend my congratulations, as well as those of the Conference, to Ambassador Hyltenius on his appointment. I am convinced that his diplomatic ability, knowledge of the subject and negotiating skills will provide outstanding leadership for the Ad hoc Committee at a decisive stage in its work. I wish Ambassador Hyltenius every success in the heavy responsibilities facing him.

I recognize the distinguished representative of Mexico.