

Mrs. BAUTA SOLES (Cuba) (translated from Spanish): I just wish to say that my delegation felt encouraged by the joint Pakistani/American proposal since it thought that the two delegations, in the proposal they were making, had demonstrated sufficient intelligence, political sensitivity and tact to help us emerge from the situation in which we found ourselves. My delegation, for that reason, would be prepared to support a fresh consideration of that formulation. And before concluding, I wish to say that, just as the Pakistani/American proposal is unacceptable to the delegation of Nigeria and the delegation of Peru, the proposal made by the Peruvian delegation is an absolutely unacceptable proposal for the delegation of Cuba because it tends to shift the balance of responsibility which we face, or which we bear, in any decision we take on transmitting this report to the General Assembly, to a group of delegations which have expressed reservations with respect to the draft convention and whose proposals are to be found in the report which we are adopting today. Consequently, the Peruvian proposal is not acceptable to the delegation of Cuba.

Mr. GONZALEZ (Chile) (translated from Spanish): Very briefly, I wish to say that we share with the distinguished representative of Cuba the sense of encouragement to speak after this debate, but we do not share what might be called her apprehension with respect to the Peruvian proposal. On the contrary, we would like to make it quite clear that the proposal made by the distinguished representative of Peru constitutes a very clear solution, since it reflects a very specific aspect of the discussions which have taken place over many years with respect to this convention. And in that regard, we do not find the proposal that has been termed American/Pakistani or Pakistani/American satisfactory at all, because it is really a very impaired signal of what was truly a widespread feeling expressed here by many countries during the discussions on this convention.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Perhaps it is because the representative of Australia is too close to me that I forgot to give him the floor when he asked for it. I do apologize for that oversight, and give him the floor now.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN (Australia): It seems to me it's a matter of fact that hope has been widely expressed that this draft convention would be commended by the General Assembly and opened for signature at an early date. I don't know whether anyone in the room disputes that as a fact. If it is not disputed, I want to know on what basis a thought along those lines would be excluded from our report. Of course, I accept willingly that other thoughts can be included as well, and there are various formulas being put forward to cover that, and if they're not adequate, well fine, let's find them. But I say to Ambassador Kamal, on what basis do I and the others who express this thought not have a chance to have it reflected in the CD's report? It's a fact that these views have been widely expressed, and the people who expressed them I think have the right to have those thoughts reflected.