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We do not consider that it is possible. This approach, by its very nature and by the nature of the results that could be achieved does not protect us against attempts to use force or the threat of force, against the possibilities that certain States might blackmail others by threatening to use one or other of these weapons.

An effective and equitable nuclear and chemical weapon disarmament process should be so designed that it does not lead to new imbalances in international life and does not open the way to the appearance of power centres which might impose their own domination on the world. Such a process would have to be based on the principle of equal security for all States. All this leads us to consider that nuclear and chemical disarmament should be dealt with in a unitary manner and that the simultaneous elimination of these weapons, and the shift to general disarmament, constitute the major objective at the present stage. Romania, which possesses neither nuclear weapons nor chemical weapons and has no intention of producing them, believes that firm action is required to achieve the stage-by-stage elimination of these weapons as soon as possible, which would pre-suppose the cessation of production and testing as well as the destruction of all nuclear and chemical weapon stocks and the outlawing of these weapons.

On this basis it would seem necessary for this new session of the Conference on Disarmament to make its contribution to establishing the foundations for an effective negotiating process in nuclear and chemical disarmament taking place simultaneously. Specific measures must be adopted which could lead to the complete elimination of nuclear and chemical weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, the prohibition of such weapons and the destruction of existing stockpiles. These measures should be designed in a unitary way as components of a set of actions intended to contribute to international stability, to place relations between States on new foundations, on equality and respect for independence and sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs and the elimination of force and the threat of force.