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... A diverse range of interests in each of the particular areas dealt with by the Conference have, to some extent, decelerated progress in its work, and therefore demand a great deal of patience and perseverance on our part. In one area, namely the development of a convention banning chemical weapons, we all realize that a series of complicated aspects have still to be considered in an in-depth and broad approach toward finalization of the convention. It is encouraging to note, however, that negotiations in this particular field have shown positive signs towards the further codification of an international legal instrument banning those despicable weapons.

Despite the positive signs marking the said negotiation, one cannot help but see that the work of the Committee on Chemical Weapons has not been similarly matched by the work of the other established committees. It is the view of my delegation that efforts to introduce more substance into the discussion in the Committees other than the one dealing with chemical weapons, are still needed.

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... Touching upon the question of the prohibition of chemical weapons, as mentioned earlier, even though we need further in-depth and broader approaches toward the finalization of the convention, we recognize a positive sign marking the negotiations in this particular field. It is my delegation's view, however, that the stage of negotiations during the first session of our Conference has exposed a series of aspects warranting further examination.

The question of assistance, dealt with by Working Group 5 of the Ad hoc Committee, needs to be thoroughly examined, giving particular emphasis, in the first instance, to humanitarian measures taken in the case of use of chemical weapons. One can always be an advocate of a view emanating from a wider source of thought. However, as I mentioned earlier, humanitarian measures in

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