

(Mr. Komatina, Personal Representative of the  
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The complete and effective prohibition of chemical weapons has been, for a number of years, the most productive area of negotiation within the Conference on Disarmament. Given the work already done in elaborating a Convention and the summit commitment of the two major Powers to accelerate agreement on a comprehensive ban on these weapons, it seems reasonable to expect that the remaining obstacles can be overcome during 1986. Indeed, I would hope that the multilateral negotiating process may regain a momentum which will lead to progress on many outstanding issues.

(Mr. Issraelyan, USSR)

An important place in the statement of Mikhail S. Gorbachev was devoted to the problem of the prohibition and complete elimination of chemical weapons, including the elimination of the industrial base for their production. These provisions are directly relevant to the negotiations being conducted within the framework of the Conference on Disarmament.