

(Mr. Tanaka, Japan)

chaired by Ambassador Kamal of Pakistan, and tried to make it as short and concise as possible, focusing on the factual progress made in the Committee during this year's session.

Let me express how pleased I am to have chaired the Committee this year. The Committee benefited from a constructive and positive atmosphere throughout the session on the issues under its mandate. The Committee has engaged in useful discussions to mark a long step towards achieving a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty. Furthermore, the decision of the Conference on 10 August (CD/1212) to give a negotiating mandate to the Committee made the Committee jump to a new stage.

This year a lot of important and unprecedented events happened. The delegation of France participated in the work of the Committee for the first time, and thus all the acknowledged nuclear-weapon States participated. We devoted the whole second part to discussions of non-seismic verification technologies, and all the meetings then enjoyed expert contributions. As a result the Committee's discussions on verification have been much enriched. Finally, we now have the decision that we will negotiate a CTBT.

I really feel honoured to be able to associate myself with the great accomplishments of the Conference, and strongly endorse the recommendation of the Committee that it be re-established at the outset of the 1994 session. Furthermore, I sincerely hope that this report, incorporated in the CD report, will be given due attention by the United Nations General Assembly so that all the Member States of the United Nations may duly appreciate the progress made in the CD this year and the important mission which the CD and its Ad Hoc Committee on an NTB will pursue next year with a view to achieving a CTBT.

Allow me now to thank all the delegations, both members and non-members of the CD, who participated in the work of the Committee, for their contribution. My special appreciation goes to the group coordinators, Australia, Mexico and the Russian Federation, as well as China and Sweden. I would also like to express my deep thanks to those delegations who contributed greatly to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee by way of providing the Committee with highly competent experts. It would be remiss of me not to mention the excellent support my delegation received from the secretariat headed by Ambassador Berasategui, and especially from Mr. Cassandra, Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee. Finally, on behalf of the Committee I should like to thank the interpreters for their efficient translation of complicated technologies which contributed to the smooth conduct of our meetings this year.

I continue to have the honour to conduct consultations during the inter-sessional period. I am determined to do my best and I look forward to receiving equally determined cooperation from my colleagues and the secretariat.