

(Mr. Batsanov, USSR)

The United States and the Soviet Union are conducting bilateral discussions on the prohibition of chemical weapons with the intention of helping to achieve further progress in the multilateral negotiations. Delegations at the round of talks discussed certain technical aspects related to matters still awaiting solution in the draft convention on the chemical weapons ban. In the multilateral negotiations the USSR and the United States have submitted proposals on the order of destruction of chemical weapons and chemical weapons production facilities. The parties reaffirmed their intention of working to speed up the multilateral negotiations in order to resolve the basic pending issues and complete the elaboration of the draft convention as soon as possible. The next round of bilateral consultations is scheduled for April this year.

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Mr. VARGA (Hungary):

... The Secretary of State of my country, Hungary, made a comprehensive statement in our Conference on our disarmament policy just recently. In my brief statement today I should like to associate myself with your congratulations addressed to the participants in the public gallery on the occasion of international Women's Day. My delegation acknowledges with thanks the message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar, on the same occasion. I am very pleased to see the festive flowers on your table, and I am happy also to have listened to the welcoming words by the distinguished representative of Sweden, Ambassador Hyltenius, and those of Ambassador von Stülpnagel of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ambassador Wagenmakers of the Netherlands and Mr. Batsanov of the Soviet Union addressed to the representatives of the non-governmental organizations and women's organizations honouring our conference and manifesting a vivid interest in our work. In acknowledgement of all these tributes my delegation feels honoured to wish all women participants and our honourable guests in the gallery today - as I do on behalf of my Eastern European friends too - the best of luck, happiness and success in their family life, work and social activities. I reiterate also with renewed hope my delegation's efforts to continue to work in this

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