

(Mr. Kostov, Bulgaria)

Notwithstanding, we have to admit that the progress achieved so far is mainly on technical matters. Therefore, we have to be fully aware that if next year we continue at this year's pace and do not succeed in solving the main problems that have a political connotation, the convention will continue to elude us. It is important that all countries, and above all the chemically most developed ones, should show their readiness to translate their political declarations in favour of banning chemical weapons into practical deeds in drafting the convention.

(Mr. Yamada, Japan)

... The success of the Paris Conference on the prohibition of chemical weapons at the outset of the year provided the momentum for the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons to conduct intensified negotiations and achieve many important results, particularly on technical issues. They are

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