

(Mr. Somogyi, Hungary)

declaration on production, exports and imports of chemicals related to the convention. Furthermore, we are ready - on a reciprocal basis - to submit to verification the contents of that declaration, as well as our defence, industrial and trading activities relating to the convention. In accordance with that initiative, we hereby submit to the Conference document CD/969, containing a comprehensive declaration on production of and foreign trade in chemicals, as provided for in the relevant provisions of the convention.

I also wish to inform the Conference on Disarmament that as a part of the Hungarian initiative, a national body will be set up in the near future to continue the work which has been carried out informally in the last four years by an inter-departmental commission, and perform provisionally some of the duties of the national authority to be established in accordance with the convention. By operating this body, we intend to gather preliminary experience relating to the functioning of such a national authority.

(Mr. Dietze, German Democratic Republic)

... With the agreements reached in Ottawa on the "open skies" régime, a new element has been added to the disarmament process. The day before yesterday, the Soviet Union and the United States resumed their bilateral negotiations on chemical weapons. We expect this round to produce decisive impetus for the earliest conclusion of the negotiations on the prohibition of chemical weapons. Finally, the results of the forty-fourth United Nations General Assembly session are on the Conference table.

Of course, one cannot speak of spectacular breakthroughs. But it would be just as wrong to underestimate what has been achieved at this General Assembly session. In our opinion, steps have definitely been taken in the right direction. The resolutions on a chemical weapons ban, in the nuclear field, on the use of science and technology for disarmament and on the issue of defensive security concepts offer a good many starting-points for the work of our Conference. The Vienna seminar on military doctrines reveals what relevance attaches to the last-named resolution of the forty-fourth United Nations General Assembly Session. We share the view already expressed in the course of our debate that the Geneva Conference should join in this international discussion, too.