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In the Conference on Disarmament it should be noted that during the course of this 1986 session further positive steps have been made in negotiations conducted within the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons under the able leadership of the distinguished representative of the United Kingdom, Ambassador Ian Cromartie. This points to the possibility of a successful outcome to negotiations on other outstanding issues in this field. Of particular relevance, we consider, are efforts to identify the procedures and measures of verification at specific stages of implementation of the CW convention.

In this respect we are still faced with a number of problems and difficulties which should not be underestimated, just as should not be underestimated the fundamental differences dividing the delegations, the bridging of which will require new efforts and new political will. We should not be discouraged by these difficulties. My delegation will continue to actively participate and contribute to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, just as we support the inter-sessional work of the Committee.