

(Mr. Komives, Hungary)

Unfortunately, there have been attempts recently clearly aimed at putting the socialist countries in a disadvantageous position. Certain delegations tried to tell us which working group our representative is supposed to chair. The intention of our delegations, the candidature of representatives from the socialist delegations, were not even considered by them. In a very strange and unusual manner, on one occasion, dealing with such questions, the representative of a Western delegation took the liberty of stating flatly which delegation should chair the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chemical Weapons. He did so in spite of the fact that no previous agreement had been reached in that respect. He then went on to state that in the case of a number of other working groups the chairmanship should be kept unchanged.

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