

(Mr. Nasser, Islamic Republic of Iran)

Before closing, I would like to register the sincere thanks and appreciation of my delegation to the relentless efforts and patience shown by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Ambassador Hyltenius of Sweden, who enabled us to enter into more meaningful and deep discussions this year. Notwithstanding the outcome of the work of the Ad hoc Committee for 1990, his valuable contributions will be highly appreciated.

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(Mr. García Moritán, Argentina)

... It should also be remembered that, as is the case in other fields such as chemical weapons or outer space, any agreement to ban nuclear weapon tests completely will have to include provisions to cover the interests of States in all the peaceful applications of nuclear power. Brazil and Argentina, as everyone is aware, are among those States which for many years have vigorously pursued programmes for the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Thus, to the unquestionable priority that both our countries recognize to the security aspects of such an agreement, we add the priorities that derive from our technological development needs.

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Mr. BATSANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian):

... Today the Soviet delegation would like to share its views on the main item on the agenda of the Conference on Disarmament - the question which consumes most of our time and effort and which, at the same time, is the most promising. I am speaking of course about the prohibition of chemical weapons. In addition, I propose, in view of the review conference of the 1972 Convention to be held next year, to touch upon the problem of bacteriological biological weapons.

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