

(Mr. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka)

... The States parties to the NPT are passing through a preparatory process for the 1995 NPT Conference. Conclusion of a CTB as well as concrete and positive measures to conclude a multilaterally negotiated universal treaty for negative and positive security assurances until such time the existing nuclear arsenals are completely eliminated and the nuclear arms race put to an end will strengthen our hands to consider the question of indefinite extension of the NPT when we face the 1995 Review Conference. In these disarmament endeavours my delegation will continue to cooperate with this Conference as well as with other fora. Success in such international disarmament endeavours, including nuclear disarmament, will be one of the main pillars of a stable new world order, to which we have been aspiring all along.

(Mr. Zemskov, Russian Federation)

... Furthermore the initiation of multilateral negotiations on the elaboration of a comprehensive test-ban treaty would contribute effectively to the strengthening of the nuclear non-proliferation regime and the success of the 1995 conference. The consensus decision by our forum on this issue was highly appreciated in Moscow. For the first time in the long history of discussion of this problem, all five nuclear Powers, together with other participants in the Conference, agreed to work for a comprehensive nuclear test ban. This step taken by the Conference is, of course, only the beginning of painstaking work on the text of the treaty and we intend to take a very active part in this endeavour. It is important to ensure that this process continues in a favourable atmosphere of silence at the nuclear test sites.

Our approaches to the practical side of this issue, that is how to organize the negotiations, have already been outlined. I would like to confirm that we are in favour of parallelism in the negotiating process: on the one hand, multilateral negotiations within the framework of this CD in accordance with a clear mandate defining the specific parameters of such negotiations and the scope of the problems, and on the other hand consultations among the five nuclear Powers as an important element of the overall work on the treaty.