

(Mr. Elaraby, Egypt)

extent inter alia, on the nature and scope of the provisions that will provide for international co-operation to develop the peaceful uses of chemical industries, but not, however, impede peaceful chemical activities.

In conclusion it is appropriate to emphasize that Egypt, like many other States members and non-members of the Conference, believes that the conditio sine qua non for a State to become a party to a convention that affects important aspects of national security is that such a convention must be applicable to all States. It is imperative that certain key countries, including all those in the "hot" regions, should become parties simultaneously.

(Mr. Chirila, Romania)

... Our delegation has already had occasion during our debate to stress the importance that Romania continues to attach to a unitary approach to disarmament. We are in favour of a complex programme of disarmament focused on nuclear disarmament and also including measures to eliminate chemical weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, as well as substantial reductions in conventional weapons, troops and military budgets. International peace and security cannot be guaranteed by acting in isolation through the prohibition and elimination of only one category of weapons, or through the maintenance of so-called "nuclear deterrence" or other concepts that are likely to promote the arms race. On the contrary - security can be achieved only through disarmament in all areas, through the prohibition and elimination, as part of a consistent process, of nuclear weapons, chemical weapons or other weapons of mass destructions. In short, the problem is not that of keeping a particular area of the negotiations in reserve, but of making progress in all areas. In other words, all disarmament measures should be viewed in a unitary manner, as part of a set of actions designed to contribute to stability in the world and to place relations among States on a

(Mr. Chirila, Romania)

new basis of equality and respect for the fundamental principles underlying international relations. As far as the context of our Conference itself is concerned, such a unitary, consistent approach to disarmament also presupposes measures designed to ensure necessary conditions and appropriate working arrangements for the substantive consideration and negotiation of all important issues on the agenda of the session. You will recall in this context that unfortunately this is not yet the case with the first three agenda items, namely the issues pertaining to nuclear disarmament.