

(Mrs. Rautio, Finland)

suggestions from laboratories active in this field so as to further develop our prototype system for the day-to-day use of the future technical secretariat.

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Mr. ROSE (German Democratic Republic):

The negotiations on the CW convention have again been the focus of attention at this year's Conference. We would like to express our gratitude especially to the Chairman of the Committee, Ambassador Bogumil Sujka from Poland, and also to the co-ordinators of the three working groups, Andrej Cima from Czechoslovakia, Pablo Macedo from Mexico and Sadaaki Numata from Japan, for having accomplished such comprehensive and committed work. They have created the best possible prerequisites for progressing in our negotiations. A number of positive results have been achieved to date, and conditions for solving other complex issues have improved. On the other hand, numerous delegations have justly pointed to the slackened pace in the completion of the convention text. Intensive work pursued in an atmosphere of increasing political resolve and confidence could remedy this situation.

United Nations Security Council resolution 620 (1988) has positive impact on our work. It serves to promote the elaboration of international instruments against the use of chemical weapons. At the same time, this resolution explicitly makes reference to the negotiations in our Conference on a comprehensive and effective CW ban. We have also taken note of the

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