

Mr. TURBANSKI (Poland):

I have the pleasure to submit today to the Conference the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons on its work during the period 13-31 January 1986, contained in document CD/651, which was adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee at its meeting on 31 January.

During this period, the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with its mandate and the decision on a resumed session taken by the Conference on Disarmament at its 333rd plenary meeting, held on 27 August 1985, continued to work on further elaboration of the Convention.

Without going into details and repeating the content of the report, I would like to characterize briefly its main features and to shed some light on the work preceding its preparation and adoption by the Committee.

As is known, in preparation for a resumed session I held informal consultations here in Geneva in October 1985 and prior to resuming the Committee's session in January. These consultations were carried out on both a bilateral and a multilateral basis; they had a somewhat structured form but retained a necessary degree of flexibility. It has to be said with all frankness that without these consultations it would have been hardly possible to present to the Conference the report in its present form.