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Even on the issue of the prohibition of chemical weapons, which was generally held to be more promising, the results are also not so satisfactory. It must be recognized that under the experienced guidance of Ambassador McPhail of Canada, ably assisted by the co-ordinators and experts from various countries, progress has been made in the Working Group on Chemical Weapons: more in-depth discussions were held; common grounds have increased and divergences more clearly defined. Yet, on the other hand, nobody denies the fact that some important differences remain unsolved and that there is still a long way to go before a convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons can be drafted and concluded.