

(Mr. Guerreiro, Brazil)

The mechanisms for disarmament established by the first special session, of which the most important is this Conference, have sought to discharge their grave responsibilities with zeal. However, due to the narrow limits for negotiations imposed by the national will of the great Powers, such fora have only exceptionally fulfilled the objectives assigned to them. For this reason, I acknowledge with satisfaction the ongoing progress in the work on the negotiations on the prohibition of chemical weapons, which allow us to expect, in not too distant a future, the realization of an important step toward genuine disarmament in the field of weapons of mass destruction. Such an outcome would greatly contribute to stimulate other concrete measures in the priority field of nuclear weapons.

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The PRESIDENT: I thank the representative of France for his statement. Does any other delegation wish to take the floor?

If that is not the case, as announced at the opening of this plenary meeting, I intend now to put before the Conference for decision the request, addressed to us by the Chargé d'Affaires of Iraq, to make a statement at a plenary meeting during this session in connection with the agenda item dealing with the prohibition of radiological weapons. Is there any objection to this request?