

(Mr. Kamal, Pakistan)

an appendix to CD/1170, and once as an appendix as a result of paragraph 74. That is point No. 1. Point No. 2 relates to the second sentence of paragraph 74. This sentence is lifted from CD/1170, which is the report, in its paragraph 41, the last part of paragraph 41, which is the view of what was the accord of most delegations in paragraph 41 that this should be transmitted to the United Nations General Assembly for commendation and opened for signature at an early date. But we know that paragraph 41 of CD/1170 is not part of its conclusions. Conclusions start in paragraphs 42 and 43, and the key conclusion in paragraph 43 was to transmit the report and the appendix to the CD for its consideration. Because of that, it is our feeling that if we have to reflect what is called "the widely expressed view", then it would of course become necessary to express the contrary view also, but that would not be either elegant or desirable in an important report which is CD/WP.428/Rev.1 - the report of the CD. The report of the CD should, in the opinion of my delegation, reflect consensus - consensus exists on very important areas of this report. Consensus exists, for example, as far as I can see, unless one delegation withdraws its objection - an emerging consensus can be seen on the transmission of this report to the General Assembly. But to go beyond that and to highlight a non-consensus idea, which is the "wide expression", or another non-consensus idea which is the contrary view, would, in the view of my delegation, be undesirable in a report of this importance. So my delegation would like to suggest that we might consider re-wording the whole of this paragraph, paragraph 74, and we would be happy to suggest that consideration be given to a sentence of the type which says: "It was agreed that the draft convention as contained in the annex to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons is transmitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations for its consideration". We can discuss that formulation and hear the views of other delegations and, if necessary, change it and amend it in order to arrive at agreed language which everybody can go along with and which can then go forward to the General Assembly as consensus language in the CD without showing any divisiveness in the ranks of this body.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): First of all I should like to point out that perhaps there is some confusion. In my mind and in the mind of other members of this Conference, I think, nothing has yet been adopted in this section. We are discussing paragraphs 72 to 74, but I repeat, we have not adopted anything as yet. Earlier we adopted document CD/1170, which contains the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons; but now I am suggesting to you that we discuss and adopt paragraphs 72 to 74. We shall come to Mr. Kamal's proposal for an amendment to paragraph 74 when we have heard from delegations who wish to take the floor, i.e. the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Mashhadi, and then the Ambassador of the United States, Mr. Ledogar.

Mr. MASHHADI (Islamic Republic of Iran): My delegation's view was expressed earlier, and since there are some consultations going on in this regard, may I request that we take a suspension here?

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I thank Mr. Mashhadi for his suggestion, but first of all I would like to call on Ambassador Ledogar.