

(Mr. Morel, France)

I would also like to recall that the Committee established a technical group dealing with the instrumentation which will be necessary for the implementation of the future convention. This highly specialized group brought together experts from capitals, and will continue its work next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Rautio of Finland, who was kind enough to chair the group.

In accordance with long-standing practice, the Committee will hold open-ended consultations from 28 November to 14 December next with a view to holding a limited session from 16 January to 1 February 1990. Of course it will not be possible to take up all the topics which I have just spoken about. We will have to concentrate on current issues where specific results can be found for the new version of the "rolling text" which will be prepared for the 1990 session. The consultations which I have held with the group chairmen and with delegations lead me to propose the following subjects:

- Group 1: The protocol on inspection procedures and the Group Chairman's working paper on article VI;
- Group 2: Final clauses;
- Group 3: The scientific advisory board;
- Group 4: Guidelines for schedule 1 and machinery for revision of lists;
- Group 5: Undiminished security during the destruction period.

I would add that I will be resuming the Chairman's consultations on the second part of article IX, that is to say challenge inspection.

In order to prepare for a sustained pace of work comparable to that maintained by the Committee throughout its session, it is my intention to conduct private bilateral consultations with all interested delegations during the week of 20 November. As has been the case since last February, the inter-sessional work will be conducted as teamwork with the five group chairmen, Mr. Rüdiger Lüdeking of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Mohamed Gomaa of Egypt, Mr. Rakesh Sood of India, Mr. Johan Molander of Sweden and Dr. Walter Krutzsch of the German Democratic Republic. I would like to extend my warmest thanks to them for the decisive part they have played in the work on which I am reporting today. I would also like to extend my special thanks to the Secretary of the Ad hoc Committee, Mr. Abdelkader Bensmail, his deputy, Ms. Agnès Marcaillou, and his assistant Ms. Cheryl Darby for their untiring and wholly exemplary assistance.

At the beginning of my statement I tried to suggest the perspective within which the work accomplished over the last six months should be assessed. But at the moment of concluding, I cannot but turn towards the future. My words will be simple and brief because the enthralling experience I have have lived through during this session has made this abundantly clear to me: let us constantly bear in mind that our time is not infinite, and that the Convention now being finalized will produce practical results only if it is universal in its application.