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The progress achieved by the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons in the drafting of joint texts for a future convention remains limited in this respect, if we bear in mind the important questions that are outstanding.

The possibilities for broader agreement that were not exploited during the negotiations, and the difficulties that arose during the finalization of the work of the present session, clearly show that only mutual understanding and the requisite political will could enable the Ad Hoc Committee to carry out its task of drafting a convention on chemical weapons.

