

(Mr. Ekeus, Sweden)

Finally, Régime I should naturally apply also to munitions and other devices.

Régime II should be designed for the Group II chemicals. Key precursors existing in stocks for chemical weapons purposes should be eliminated either through destruction or diversion to peaceful purposes. Since Group II contains chemicals with a certain potential for future development of new chemical weapons, the continued production could be limited to a certain quantity annually and should take place at a single small-scale facility or at other specially approved facilities.

Facilities having produced these chemicals should be declared if the production has exceeded a certain quantity. It should also be declared if the production will continue or new production is planned.

To ensure that these chemicals are not developed into new types of chemical weapons the verification régime would need to be stringent. Data reporting as well as systematic international on-site inspections are envisaged.

The elimination of the Group III chemicals in chemical-weapons stocks could be carried out through destruction or diversion to peaceful purposes. Continued production should be declared. Facilities having produced the Group III chemicals should also be declared if production has exceeded, let us say, one ton annually.

The verification measures applicable under Régime III would comprise data-reporting and systematic international on-site inspection.

This would be the broad outline of the principles and policies which my delegation believes could form the basis for common agreements. What I have just said has also been summarized in a rather simplified graph on a single piece of paper, which has been attached to my speech today, the text of which has been submitted to the secretariat for distribution. This graph could easily be further elaborated on. But before doing so my delegation would like to receive from other delegations the comments on and reactions to this approach.

Mr. ROSE (German Democratic Republic)

Mr. President, in my statement today, I would like to present a Working Paper, CD/620, which my delegation has prepared on measures to verify compliance with a future convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons.

In recent years, we have repeatedly expressed our views and positions on that subject. My country is convinced that the combination of national verification measures and international procedures constitutes the basis on which the problems can be solved.

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