

(Mr. Hajakowski, Finland)

Among the central areas for future research is first of all the identification of possibilities for remote monitoring, on which we will publish a detailed report. In remote monitoring a moving laboratory unit is used. It will be transported to the required locations for the collection of examples of air or water and their analysis.

Another area is automatic "black-box" monitoring of installations for the destruction of chemical agents and suspected production establishments. This issue is best discussed by experts. Finnish research in this area concentrates primarily on methods of automatic identification of agents and their application in the monitoring of the above installations.

A third central area is the improvement of the reliability of the methods published in the Finnish reports, the testing of these methods with simulation and unidentified samples as well as comparisons of results obtained by various laboratories.

If I have elaborated at considerable length the technical aspects of the Finnish verification project, it is because my Government considers it important that all efforts be devoted to the crucial issue of banning chemical weapons. In our mind, all approaches should be explored. It is a fact that much interest has been vested on all sides in coming to grips with banning the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons.

(Mr. McPhail, Canada)

During the present period of the Committee's activity, in which general statements are made in plenary, many of them with particular focus on chemical weapons, and I refer for example to the intervention, a few moments ago, of our Finnish colleague, a very interesting and useful contribution, my delegation wishes to place on record a number of observations to supplement the comprehensive views of the Government of Canada which were presented to the Committee on 1 February by the Deputy Prime Minister.

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