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"single small-scale facility". In the long run the only method in this regard is that of agreeing on balanced and realistic arrangements for data reporting and verification.

In my delegation's view, it would be unrealistic and incorrect to bind down a considerable part of the chemical industries of tens of countries around the world — once the convention enters into force and for untold number of years thereafter — with some kind of continuous, obtrusive international control, of the kind some delegations suggest.

A calm, sensible and realistic approach on the problem of verification as a whole should prevail. A positive fact is already at hand — the emerging understanding on the question of the role and functions of the national body for implementation and control of the convention.

My delegation has been upholding the view that the role of continuous and uninterrupted national control for compliance with the provisions of the chemical weapons convention would be of particular importance and that it should be supplemented by international control measures.

It is not my intention to go now into the details of the various subject matters of the convention. At the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons and its respective subsidiary bodies my delegation has had an ample opportunity to do so. Before I conclude, however, I would like to express my delegation's appreciation for the analytical and well-founded speech of my distinguished colleague, Ambassador Issraelyan, on the present state of affairs at the negotiations on chemical weapons, delivered on 18 July. We are also heartened by the fact that the delegation of the Soviet Union, whose expertise and constructive contribution have positively affected the negotiations on many occasions, is once again offering its readiness to participate actively in fresh efforts to draft provisions of the Convention.

My delegation supports such an approach and for its part will do its best in assisting, together with all delegations, the process of developing and drafting the text of the Convention.