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most useful tomorrow. I do not have any concrete ideas to offer at this juncture, but I merely would like to suggest that we should think over how to best organize our future work, which we would like to hope will be the final stage of the elaboration of the preliminary draft of the CW convention.

On the one hand there is an increasing need of a comprehensive review of the whole material with a view to make not only further preliminary drafting but also some rearrangement of the material if necessary.

On the other hand, there are still many detailed, sometimes minor, though important, problems which could be initially elaborated in smaller groups before being the subject of working groups or Committee's consideration.

One of the assets still not fully utilized by us is time. My delegation is of the opinion that there should be no place in our work for too long recesses. That is why we welcome the agreement achieved in the Committee to hold the traditional extended session in January as well as consultations by the Chairman in preparation for this resumed session. However, I would like to point out that the delegations of the socialist countries were prepared to use the recess in our work more fully. Unfortunately, this desire was not shared by some delegations which so often advocate the need for continuous negotiations on the convention.

In concluding I would like to congratulate and thank the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee, Ambassador Ian Cromartie of the United Kingdom, for his able guidance of the Committee's work. His chairmanship will continue for some time and I am confident it will be no less productive. Let me also express high appreciation of the contribution made by Ambassador Cromartie's collaborators -- the Chairmen of the three Working Groups, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Popczew and Mr. Wisnomoerti, whose efforts have brought us closer to our common goal -- a treaty on prohibition of chemical weapons.