

(The President)

For paragraph 73 and the comment - made by Ambassador Batsanov, I think - on the dots that appear here, it goes without saying that the dots must be replaced by a text that would read as follows:

"At its 635th plenary meeting, on 3 September 1992," - always provided that we finish before midnight! - "the Conference adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Committee reestablished by the Conference under the agenda item at its 606th plenary meeting (see paragraph 8 above). That report (CD/1170) is an integral part of this report and reads as follows:".

I assume the Conference will be kind enough not to force me to read out the whole of CD/1170, which will be reproduced here, following paragraph 73. However, if it insists on my reading it in full, I will have to ask for another glass of water, or else I might not make it. Does the suggested text of paragraph 73 seem clear as I have just read it out? It goes without saying that immediately after the colon following the sentence "That report (CD/1770) is an integral part of this report and reads as follows" an account will be given of the work of the Conference, and that of course is likely to take up a lot of room in the final report. May I take it that things are now sufficiently clear as regards paragraph 73? I give the floor to the Ambassador of Argentina, Mr. Lanús.

Mr. LANUS (Argentina) (translated from Spanish): I am sorry for taking the floor on this point, but I think that what was said by the Ambassador of Algeria was very relevant and I would say that it satisfactorily meets the concern of Ambassador Kamal. If we are going to mention in paragraph 73 the entire text together with the appendix and then in paragraph 74 say that we have an appendix at the end, I would say that it would be better to put the first part of the report in paragraph 72, and then include the appendix as an appendix. In this way we avoid repetition, because otherwise the document contains the agreement on chemical weapons twice. So I think that here, in paragraph 73, specifically, we should put the following: "This report [the first part of this report] reads as follows:" (and we would add the text up to paragraph 42); and in paragraph 74 we would say: "the convention on chemical weapons is attached as an appendix to this report", because otherwise we would have a huge insertion in the middle of this section. I think in this manner we can respond to what was said by Ambassador Kamal and also what in fact was proposed by the Ambassador of Algeria. And from then on there are no problems.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): The confusion, I think, comes from the very fact that some delegations have the idea that the text of the convention will appear twice, whereas the President and the secretariat have in mind to say in paragraph 74 that the appendix to the Ad Hoc Committee's report - that is, the text of the convention - is reproduced as an appendix to the report of the Conference to the General Assembly; there is no question of repeating this text twice. I think that is it, but I will ask Ambassador Berasategui to confirm it for me.