

I should like to say once again on behalf of our entire team that we fully support the efforts being made by our Party and Government in the sphere of disarmament and the elimination of all types of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons, by the year 2000.

We are happy to welcome you as the representatives of world public opinion as a whole and its struggle for peace and the reduction of international tension.

We hope that the participants in the negotiations will make every effort to ensure that a convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons becomes a reality in the very near future.

We, for our part, are willing to assist in this and trust that the presentation at our facility will further the achievement of early agreement on the banning of chemical weapons and the elimination of stockpiles of such weapons.