

(The President)

Any comments on this part? I recognize none. Part G - "Comprehensive programme of disarmament". Any comments? No comments. Part H - "Transparency in armaments". Here, the same formula as used in paragraphs 32 and 33 will apply in paragraph 36: after the symbol number on the last line, the words "as amended at the 691st plenary meeting" will be inserted. Any other comments? Part I - "Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures". Any comments here? No comments. Part J - "Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations". Here, in paragraph 39, the date of 7 September 1994 will be inserted. Any other comments? No comments. Section III is adopted.

We have now concluded our consideration of the draft annual report to the United Nations General Assembly. May I take it that the report as a whole can be adopted?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Would any delegation wish to make a statement at this stage? I see no request for the floor. This concludes our work for the 1994 session. Before adjourning, however, I would like to make some concluding remarks as President of the Conference.

We have concluded a long and arduous session. Thanks to the very thorough preparations undertaken by the first President of the Conference for this session, Ambassador Gérard Errera of France, we were able to make a successful and substantive start to our work and four ad hoc committees were immediately set up to concentrate on the four priority items on our agenda, that is, on a nuclear test ban, prevention of an arms race in outer space, transparency in armaments and negative security assurances. We also appointed special coordinators to deal with the issues of the prohibition of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices as well as the review of the Conference's agenda. A Friend of the Chair was also appointed to continue consultations on the expansion of the membership of the Conference. We also pursued our efforts aimed at the improved and effective functioning of the Conference. My duties have been made less onerous thanks to the untiring efforts of my predecessors in this function, namely Ambassador Hoffmann of Germany, Ambassador Boytha of Hungary, Ambassador Chandra of India and Ambassador Brotodiningrat of Indonesia.

Under the able guidance of Ambassador Marín Bosch of Mexico, the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban worked intensively and produced a substantive report which contains an invaluable basis for the negotiation of a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty. I am sure that the forthcoming inter-sessional negotiating period will bring about further progress along the road to the long-awaited goal of the cessation of all nuclear tests in all environments for all time.