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meeting generated a broader understanding in the world of the chemical industry for the tasks we are trying to accomplish, and also that some concrete ideas emerged which I hope will prove useful to the negotiations when approaching the remaining technical issues under article VI and its annexes.

Article VII on national implementation measures was not the subject of further negotiations during this year. A few questions remain to be settled, but I do not foresee any great difficulties in this regard.

Article VIII deals with the organized framework for the implementation of the convention. Very useful work was done, inter alia, on the question of guidelines for the international inspectorate. Pending further consideration in some capitals, the text of these guidelines has been included as an addendum to the report. I believe that before too long we will be able to incorporate it in the integrated body of negotiated material.

During the greater part of the session delegations felt that further work on article VIII should await developments in other parts of the convention. I was therefore encouraged when, towards the end of the session, delegations agreed that the time was ripe to take up article VIII and to sort out in detail the powers, functions and interrelationship of the various organs of the international authority to be created. Useful preparatory work in this field was done. There now appears to be a general wish to review this article during the inter-sessional period.

Although this is not an organizational question per se, I also want to draw attention to the fact that work has now commenced on the elaboration of so-called "models for agreements" which States parties are to conclude with the international authority as regards specific facilities. One outline for such an agreement is already included in the report, and a proposal for a second was presented to the Committee for consideration after the completion of the report.

Under article IX work focused on the major outstanding question, namely the politically complicated issue of challenge inspection. All through the year I conducted extensive consultations in order to find approaches to the problems involved that would be acceptable to all delegations. Following a gradual and painstaking process, we find ourselves at the end of the session having made real substantive progress on this crucial issue. I am confident that before long we will be able to transform this progress into treaty language under article IX. For the time being the state of affairs as I see it has been included in appendix II in a report by myself.

The remaining articles X to XVI have not been the subject of negotiations during the session. However, I would like to draw the attention of the Conference to the fact that many delegations now feel that the time has come to address these articles too, and I do hope that the inter-sessional period of work will provide an opportunity to do so, both with regard to article X, Assistance, and article XI, Economic and Technological Development, as well as with regard to the concluding articles.