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In the technical part, I should like to draw attention to the fact that the mandate was changed this year, most notably by the deletion of the phrase "except for its final drafting". Among the positive developments this year reflected in this part of the report is also the increased participation of States not members of the CD. This bodes well for the efforts to achieve, eventually, broad adherence to the convention, once it has been concluded.

You may also note that the Technical Group on Instrumentation was re-established under the leadership of Ms. Rautio of Finland and, further, that several days were devoted to a special meeting with representatives of the chemical industry. In that connection, meetings devoted to specific topics were chaired by Mr. Molander and Mr. Santesson of my delegation. I should like to express my deep gratitude to Ms. Rautio, Mr. Molander and Mr. Santesson for their important contributions to our work.

May I also draw the attention of the Conference to the inter-sessional work foreseen for the period of 26 November-21 December 1990 and to the resumed session recommended to be held on 8-18 January 1991. On the basis of extensive consultations which I have undertaken with the Working Group chairmen, with the Friends of the Chair and with delegations, I should like to propose the following subjects for the inter-sessional work:

Working Group A: review of verification parts of the annexes to articles IV, V and VI; review of the Protocol on Inspection Procedures, Parts I and II;

Working Group B: annex on chemicals and related issues; article III;

Working Group C: measures to redress a situation; settlement of disputes; amendments (improvement of the text); financial aspects of the Organization.

I also propose to ask the Friends of the Chair to continue their work on article X and on jurisdiction and control, while I should conduct consultations on article XI and on the general pattern of verification. Finally, it is proposed that the Bureau prepare proposals for editing of the "rolling text", which can be dealt with during the inter-sessional work.

In the concluding paragraph of the technical part, reference is made to the appointment of the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons for next year. Since the report was adopted on 10 August I have continued my consultations on this question. I am pleased to inform you that my consultations have indicated that there is consensus on the recommendation that the Conference on Disarmament appoint the Leader of the Soviet delegation, Ambassador Sergei Batsanov, to be Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons for 1991.

The Friends of the Chair have carried out difficult tasks in working on solutions to some specific problems, namely on article X, on old chemical weapons and on jurisdiction and control. I am very grateful indeed to