

(Mr. Tsegaye, Ethiopia)

the executive council as provided in article VIII, paragraph 23 (f). I hope this will be rectified in the near future to enable Africa to benefit from the rotating seat on an equal basis with the other two regions.

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Mr. GONZALEZ (Chile) (translated from Spanish):

... Mr. President, my delegation has once again asked for the floor under your presidency to express its satisfaction at the adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, whereby the draft convention on this subject is being transmitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations. As we had occasion to say at an earlier meeting, my country firmly and resolutely supports this draft text apart, of course, from its natural dissatisfaction with a few provisions of the convention. Owing to a procedural difficulty my delegation had no opportunity to express its opinion on the then draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee. In this connection I wish to place it expressly on record that my delegation fully associates itself with what was said in the joint Argentine-Brazilian statement made in the Committee on 26 August, which is reflected in the relevant report. I would be most grateful if this statement could also be included in the report of the Conference.

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Sir Michael WESTON (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland): The Conference is already aware of the United Kingdom's views on the draft chemical weapons convention. I shall not prolong this momentous day by repeating them. My delegation wishes to express the United Kingdom's gratitude to Ambassador von Wagner once more, this time for his full

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