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measures had to be taken to treat them. I was told that two rockets had been fired at the hospital. The first contained mustard gas and the second cyanide gas. The persons exposed to the cyanide gas had to be treated as emergencies, and therefore all the doctors there, 65 of us, began to tend the wounded. As I have told you, there were many wounded, and we ourselves were exposed to the gas. We used special uniforms and masks and worked until 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon: we spent some six or seven hours caring for the wounded, we could not leave the hospital because we had to be there, it was a matter of professional conscience to stay there and tend to all the wounded. At about 3 o'clock in the afternoon the effects of the mustard gas started, and my colleagues were also able to note the effects of its use. We observed cases of conjunctivitis and vomiting among the wounded. When I found that I myself was suffering from these effects I could no longer stay there. The activities of the hospital came to a halt; the 65 or so doctors working there, as well as the rest of the medical personnel, especially those working in the surgical theatres, all had to stop work. All the doctors and all the medical personnel were sent to Ahwad, and from there to Tehran and from Tehran to Geneva. I was sent to the CHUV 1/ in Lausanne and I must say that I was very well taken in and cared for there. Now I am here, and all my back has been burned, but I was allowed to leave the hospital anyway and I think that I can continue my treatment in Tehran. I should like to thank the authorities of the Lausanne hospital as well as the Swiss Government for having taken us in. The victims of chemical weapons sent to many countries can serve to prove the actual use of these weapons. They are cases which the Conference can use as examples of the violation of the 1925 Geneva Protocol or of a future convention. In conclusion, we should like to express the hope that the Conference, whose purpose is disarmament, may take this matter seriously and show its dedication to disarmament, which it can do by reacting in a suitable way to such a flagrant use of chemical weapons.