

(Mr. Ekéus, Sweden)

At this stage the Chairman of the Committee convened and led regular drafting sessions on this material constituting possible wordings of articles or parts of articles to a Convention proposed by him on the basis for the consultations just mentioned. All delegations were informed about time and place for the drafting sessions. For practical purposes the drafting language used was English.

The drafting has resulted in texts for parts of a convention. Differing or alternative positions of delegations are presented within brackets in the texts. The articles or parts of articles thus drafted are organized following the preliminary structure for a convention which was introduced in the Committee during the second part of the session. In this connection I want to thank Ambassador Turbanski of Poland who undertook the work of elaborating this structure.

The preliminary structure complemented by the likewise preliminary drafted texts can be found in Annex I of the report. Such texts are marked with two lines in the margin of Annex I. Other texts, which have not been subject to extensive drafting, but which have to a varying extent been consulted upon by the Chairman of the Committee or by the Chairmen of the Working Groups also appear as articles or parts thereof in the preliminary structure. Such texts are marked with one line in the margin of Annex I. As is stated in the Annex, these texts, whatever their status, are not binding for any delegation.

Due to the extensive and complicated nature of the substance and the limited time available, it was not possible to consider all parts of the convention during this session. Those parts of CD/CW/WP.67 which have not been dealt with during this session are indicated in Annex I by the respective heading and the numbers "67" in the margin. It was, however, possible to draft the main parts of the scope of the Convention. An interesting development with regard to the problem of herbicides took place as it appears that this problem can be linked to a prohibition of the use of herbicides under certain circumstances. Still remaining in the context of scope is a solution to the question of how the prohibition of use should be formulated in the convention. Here I wish to thank Ambassador Beesley of Canada for the work he undertook to solve this difficult problem.

The crucial issue of the definition of chemical weapons appears essentially to be solved. Furthermore, a solution to the question of the concept of chemical warfare agents has been formed.

The issue of declaration of chemical weapons has partly been subject to drafting. Consultations with regard to the declarations of locations of such stocks are under way. The problem of destruction, including the question of diversion, as well as schedules for a balanced destruction of chemical weapons, has been elaborated upon. The issue of production facilities, especially so-called single-purpose facilities, has for the first time been treated in parts.

Concerning compliance, considerable work has been done, the result of which appears in the Annex as material which has been the subject of consultations. In addition a first text, concerning the Preparatory Commission to be entrusted with the task of preparing the work of the Consultative Committee, has been elaborated and consulted upon.