

(Mr. Turbanski, Poland)

Speaking now in my capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, I have the honour to submit today to the Conference the report of the Ad Hoc Committee, contained in document CD/636, which was adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee, on 19 August. Let me at the outset briefly recall the basis and the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee's activities and, subsequently, characterize the main results of the negotiations.

In accordance with its mandate adopted by the Conference on 7 February 1985, and in pursuance of its work programme contained in the Chairman's paper CD/CW/WP.98, the Ad Hoc Committee established three Working Groups with the following scope of reference:

Working Group A, under the chairmanship of Mr. Petar Poptchev of Bulgaria, considering problems under articles II and IV of the future Convention, that is, scope, definitions, non-production, and permitted activities;

Working Group B, chaired by Mrs. Elisabet Bonnier of Sweden, concentrating on articles III, IV and V, that is, on the elimination of stocks and production facilities;

Working Group C, having as its Chairman Mr. Frank Elbe of the Federal Republic of Germany and focusing its attention on articles VII, VIII and IX, that is, on questions of compliance.

Additionally, the question of prohibition of use of chemical weapons and its relation to the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and the problem of herbicides were considered at the Open-ended Consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Noegroho Wisnoemoerti of Indonesia.

The results obtained by the Working Groups and at the Open-ended Consultations are reflected in the Working Groups' reports and in the report of the Chairman of the Open-ended Consultations. They were adopted without any changes therein by the Ad Hoc Committee on 12 August 1985. These reports are contained in Appendix II of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Appendix I of the report contains the cumulative texts elaborated in the Working Groups and during the Open-ended Consultations, as assembled by the Chairman and, before being adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee, commented upon, explained, and interpreted by the delegations. The clarity of the text of Appendix I is in my view not seriously diminished by a relatively small number of brackets and footnotes, which we were unable to avoid but which duly reflect the differences of opinions and positions of States and may serve, on some occasions, as a guideline for further deliberations.

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