

(Mr. Yamada, Japan)

A comprehensive ban on chemical weapons, in the form of a convention widely acceptable the world over, is another item on which we hope to see further progress during the course of this year.

The Ad hoc Committee, in 1986 and January 1987, has identified those substances to be controlled under a future convention and has begun the drafting of the régimes to which these substances would be subject, as well as streamlining the provisions concerning the destruction of chemical weapons and their production facilities. I would like to take this opportunity to express my delegation's appreciation of these results and to extend our sincere gratitude to the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Ambassador Ian Cromartie of the United Kingdom, and the Chairmen of the Working Groups, Mr. Richard Rowe, Mr. Petar Poptchev and Mr. Noegroho Wisnoemoerti. Many countries called for

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