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Accordingly, my delegation welcomes the re-establishment, during this session, of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons with the task of continuing the comprehensive and complete process of negotiations and preparing a draft convention on chemical weapons. This Committee, which is presided over by Ambassador Turbanski of Poland, has already made considerable progress, during the last session, under the competent direction of Ambassador Ekéus of Sweden. It is our fervent hope that the few remaining difficulties will be overcome, since the Convention to be concluded in this respect must comprise all the necessary provisions, including those relating to verification and compliance.

The Conference has before it document CD/544 of 5 February 1985 in which the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitted to the President of our Conference numerous resolutions that were adopted at the thirty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly and which entrust certain specific tasks to the Conference. At the same time, he also transmitted a number of our resolutions relating to questions of disarmament. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of resolution 39/65 B, the General Assembly urged the Conference on Disarmament to intensify the negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons with a view to achieving accord on a chemical weapons convention for submission to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

It is obvious that all States without distinction, and primarily the two super-Powers, must exhibit a stronger political will to overcome the political obstacles and succeed in drafting a universally acceptable convention during the present session.