

(Mr. Nazarkin, USSR)

on the exchange of information on the activities of a certain number of research centres, on mutual notification of unusual outbreaks of infectious diseases, on broadening contacts among scientists, on encouraging publication of the results of research -- will all contribute to building confidence among the Parties to the Convention and enhancing its effectiveness.

We intend to continue to work actively towards raising the authority of the Convention, in particular through strengthening its verification system with regard to compliance. Our proposals to this effect, inter alia on the elaboration of an appropriate additional protocol and a special conference for this purpose, as well as the proposals on extensive confidence-building measures and all-round development of international co-operation in the biological field, still stand and we invite other Parties to the Convention to continue the businesslike and productive dialogue.

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Mr. FAN Guoxiang (China) (translated from Chinese): . . .

Today, the Chinese delegation would like to make some observations on agenda item 4, "Chemical Weapons".

The prohibition of chemical weapons has always been a matter of great concern to the international community. The countries of the world have made

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