

(Mr. Israelyan, USSR)

I was far from making an uncomplimentary remark about the Vice-President of the United States, whom I know personally. The only thing that was said was this: here, within the confines of this Committee, the Vice-President of the United States advocated, or spoke in favour of, the speeding-up of negotiations on the elimination of the threat posed by chemical weapons. Isn't that true? A few months later, the same person cast a deciding vote in favour of the implementation of a programme which is killing those negotiations. Isn't it true that he cast the deciding vote for the implementation of a programme which, from our point of view, is indeed killing the negotiations?

Finally, there sounded in Mr. Busby's last statement a note which really made me prick up my ears. I would like to think that I made a mistake, that I misunderstood the United States delegation. It seemed to me that the tone was once again that of an ultimatum: unless all delegations agree on all issues, there will not be any definition, any formulation of a draft convention next year either. Now that makes me prick up my ears.