

(Mr. Kamal, Pakistan)

alternative formulation, which is that "At the same plenary session, the CD adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Committee and agreed to transmit it to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the report as well as the draft convention, for consideration" And I would suggest that we work on the basis of either of these two. The fact is that despite the wide hope and the many reservations and concerns which have been expressed in no uncertain terms, despite that I think we are at a point where rule 80 has to be read and understood clearly. And I think Ambassador Ledogar's formulation is a correct recognition of that fact. But if, as I said, that is not a line of thinking which is acceptable to others, then there is a clear alternative which has been mentioned by me, which, to paraphrase the words of the distinguished Ambassador of France, is a positive formulation because it clearly says that the CD adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Committee, and that is as positive as one can go.

Mr. AZIKIWE (Nigeria): I listened very carefully to the suggestion of Ambassador Ledogar. I'm afraid it is not acceptable to my delegation and it doesn't capture the minds of most delegations that participated in the negotiations. I still believe that we have a compromise solution, and the compromise solution was already suggested by the delegation of Peru. I would only appeal to some of our colleagues to realize that they are sending a message to the General Assembly which would try as much as possible to reflect the true position. I don't think that is a statement of fact that our work should be regarded in a negative way. So I believe that the suggestion put forward by Dr. Calderón captures the minds of most delegations here.

Mr. LEDOGAR (United States of America): Well, there doesn't seem to be much support for the joint Pakistani/American proposal. The alternative that Ambassador Kamal put forward I think may offer a way out. It's a disappointing one, but it is straightforward and has a positive note to it rather than a negative note. We would have to eliminate the words "for consideration", however, because that suggests that there will be further work on the treaty in New York, which my delegation is opposed to. As I understand it - or maybe we should ask Ambassador Kamal to repeat it - but it would be something as follows: "At the same plenary meeting, the Conference adopted the report of the Committee and agreed to transmit it to the United Nations General Assembly ... agreed to transmit the report of the Conference on Disarmament containing the draft convention on chemical weapons". Perhaps I could get Ambassador Kamal to read it out without the words "for its consideration", and see whether we can gather support around it.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): There is a risk that the text proposed by Mr. Ledogar in a spirit of reconciliation will lead to duplication, since paragraph 73 states that the Conference adopted the report and its annexes; indeed, we had enough trouble reaching agreement on paragraph 73. But I am willing to accept it if that is the price to pay to reach agreement. If I have understood correctly, Mr. Ledogar suggests that we should say that, at the same meeting, the Conference on Disarmament adopted the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons - which has already been said in paragraph 73 - and agreed to transmit it to the United Nations General Assembly.