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in particular during the summer part of the session. Some useful steps were taken, but many more are needed before we can register consensus on this politically, militarily and technically complicated issue. I therefore strongly urge all delegations to carefully study the material available in the report and consider ways and means to accommodate each other's interests when we next address the issue.

Article V and its annexes deal with chemical weapon production facilities. During the spring extensive and detailed provisions were elaborated for the verification of declarations and the closure and elimination of chemical weapon production facilities. Other aspects of the article and its annex are still pending, but I have good reason to believe that before too long the Committee will be in a position to constructively address the remaining issues under this article.

This brings us to article VI and its annexes, which cover issues pertaining to future non-production of chemical weapons. Much time and effort have gone into this area, both during spring and summer. The difficulties involved have been great, politically as well as technically. I therefore find it particularly gratifying that political hurdles have been overcome and that substantive progress has been registered with the inclusion of the new annex VI [4]. The compromises made augur well for the negotiations, in that they show that given enough time and effort it is possible to strike a balance between security concerns and other important national and international interests. Notwithstanding the progress made, article VI and its annexes require more work. During the spring important advances were made and registered as regard the modalities for revising the lists of chemicals, as regards the guidelines for including chemicals in schedule [1] and as regards factors that might influence the number, intensity, duration, timing and mode of inspections. This work needs to be further developed and completed.

Furthermore, the régime for chemicals in schedule [1] still contains some outstanding issues which need to be dealt with. May I also remind delegations that the various lists of chemicals have not yet been fully finalized.

Article VI and its annexes and the various remaining issues in the field of non-production from an area where work ought to be continued during the inter-sessional period. I therefore ask delegations to carefully prepare themselves and search for ways and means to constructively bridge the remaining gaps.

In the context of non-production questions I would also like to mention another activity which took place this summer, not within the framework of the Committee itself but parallel to it and so arranged timewise that it coincided with the Committee's work in the area of non-production. I have in mind the meeting with experts from the chemical industry here in Geneva on 6 and 7 July. During these two days a great number of experts were given information about the draft convention we are negotiating, and a series of interesting and valuable discussions took place on various issues of relevance for the implementation of the convention. It is my impression that this