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agreement on the definition of CW production facilities, and the relevant text has been included in the main body of the future convention. The socialist countries welcome this development as a substantive contribution to the important process of identifying and completely destroying CW production facilities. They also welcome the fact that article XI, on which practical work was initiated only at the end of last year's session, has been substantially developed. In the view of the socialist countries, economic and technological development and co-operation in the field of peaceful chemistry should have its due place in a convention prohibiting CW, taking chemical industry under control and thus objectively imposing certain restrictions on those involved in it. They regret that the present text of article XI could not be included in appendix I of the "rolling text".

More clarity has been achieved with regard to the functions of and interrelationship between the organs to be set up under the future convention, including the enumeration of the specific functions of the technical secretariat. Active consultations on the composition, procedure and decision-making of the executive council have revealed possibilities for convergence of views in some areas. With regard to on-site inspection on challenge, possible building-blocks for the process after the submission of the report have been discussed and are now reflected in appendix II. Further development of article X as well as practical work undertaken on the final clauses also represent positive results of this year's session. Another positive element in the negotiations was furnished by first steps in the process of multilateral data exchange, to which socialist States made their contribution both by presenting relevant data and by putting forward ideas on the scope of the exchange. This process should be continued and further developed. Future negotiations can also be assisted by the carrying out and appropriate evaluation of the multilateral experiment involving trial inspections of chemical industry facilities, as suggested at the beginning of this session by the Soviet Union. The Group of Socialist Countries expresses its hope that the experiment is going to be carried out as expeditiously as possible, at both national and international levels, so that it will influence our work positively at an early stage of the next CD session. It would be helpful if the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons were asked at the beginning of next year's session to start the final drafting of the chemical weapons convention.

Non-production of chemical weapons has emerged as one of the most important unsettled areas. The socialist countries consider that a strict verification régime is required in order to ensure that chemical weapons are not developed and produced in the future under the guise of peaceful chemical activities. Appropriate forms of monitoring and verification should be applied to various kinds of such activities, depending on the risks to the convention. It would be potentially harmful to the convention if verification were applied only to some areas, while some other fields of activity were left without any monitoring and verification. The Group of Socialist Countries hopes that the verification of non-production of chemical weapons will be treated in all its dimensions. There is also a need for a more goal-oriented approach to work on article II, on-site challenge inspection and some other important questions.