

Mr. EKEUS (Sweden): Mr. President, as I indicated to you I will also add, at the end of my statement, some remarks as the representative of Sweden with regard to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, but I start with the submission of the Report.

As Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons I have the honour to submit the report of the Committee to the Conference on Disarmament, document CD/539, which has been distributed earlier today. The report with its annexes was adopted by the Committee on 28 August and thus agreed to by all members of the Committee.

Before I continue I will draw your attention to a mistake on page 6, paragraph 10 of the report, on the second line from the bottom. The words "during the 1984 session of the" should be replaced with the words "in the" so that the entire sentence reads "Annex III contains some proposals introduced in the Conference on Disarmament as formulated and presented in Conference Documents."

Delegates will recall that the Conference at its plenary meeting on 28 February 1984 adopted a mandate, contained in document CD/440, to the effect that an ad hoc subsidiary body (on 8 March designated "Ad Hoc Committee") be established "to start the full and complete process of negotiation, development and working out the convention on chemical weapons, except for its final drafting". The Committee, thus provided with a negotiating mandate, had to define and develop procedures for pursuing negotiations inside the framework of this multilateral body, as now, for the first time since the Committee on Disarmament was established in 1978, actual negotiations on the text of a Convention were to be embarked upon.

I will give a short description of the negotiating process followed by the Ad Hoc Committee.

The starting point was the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Chem. Weapons on the 1983 session (CD/416) which was reorganized to get a more convention-like structure and presented to the Committee as CD/CW/WP.67. us of this report were presented by the Chairman to the three Working Groups of the Committee, charged with addressing specific aspects of the Convention follows:

1. Working Group A on Scope, Chairman: Mr. Duarte of Brazil.
2. Working Group B on Elimination, Chairman: Mr. Akkerman of the Netherlands.
3. Working Group C on Compliance, Chairman: Dr. Thieliicke of the German Democratic Republic.

The Working Groups dealt with the material thus provided by the Chairman of the Committee as well as with other material introduced by the Chairmen of the three Working Groups. The results from the Working Groups were presented in reports to the Committee by the Chairmen of the Working Groups. These reports reflect different views held by delegations. The Chairman of the Committee then drafted compromise proposals in treaty language on the basis of some of the material from the reports of the Chairmen of the Working Groups. All delegations were invited to give their comments upon these compromise proposals by the Chairman. Extensive consultations were undertaken with those delegations which expressed views on the proposals.