

(Mr. Imai, Japan)

With this basic perception as a starting point, we should work out the problems facing us with regard to "objectives", "definitions", "destruction" and "verification". We should especially like to stress that we hope early agreement can be reached with regard to an explicit identification of the chemical substances to be prohibited or controlled under this convention, and to a practical system of verification measures designed to ensure compliance with the provisions of the convention.

Furthermore, greater efficiency may be achieved if we can divide our work into two levels, and first work out the basic framework of a draft convention, with proper identification of principles to guide application. Then, within such a framework, as a second stage we might enlist the help of technical experts in a subsidiary body to try to work on the areas where there can be significant differences amongst the negotiating parties.

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(Mr. Bayart, Mongolia)

As for chemical weapons, we believe that resolutions 39/65 B and 39/65 C, which urge the Conference to intensify its negotiations on a convention on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction, deserves special attention. In this connection, it should be noted that the first of those resolutions calls upon all States to refrain from any action that could impede negotiations and specifically to refrain from the production and deployment of binary and other new types of chemical weapons. The Mongolian delegation expresses its satisfaction with the Conference's decision to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons. We share the view of many other delegations that every pre-condition exists for the achievement of practical results in this field. I should like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. R. Ekéus of Sweden for his active work as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, and to congratulate his successor in that office, Mr. S. Turbanski of Poland, and wish him every success.