

(Mr. Mashhadi, Islamic Republic of Iran)

installations and deployment of new substances are new and dangerous developments in the course of numerous crimes committed by the Iraqi régime. The new situation, therefore, demands a more decisive and different approach than before. Continuation of the use of chemical weapons by Iraq at a time when the draft of the new Convention is going through its last stages is undoubtedly ridiculing and weakening this valuable international endeavour." The message also calls on the Secretary-General promptly to dispatch an inspection team to probe into the consequences of new chemical attacks.

We hope that this time the international community and the world's conscience will act promptly to condemn such barbaric acts in the twentieth century.

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(Mr. Štejn, Yugoslavia)

The organization and the manner of work adopted in the preparation of the Convention could, however, be a guideline for Conference work on other agenda items. A decisive point in that respect was the fact that we have not exhausted ourselves in endless discussions over procedural questions, and that the Conference and the *ad hoc* Committee on Chemical Weapons have complemented each other in their work.

Much credit for such results goes to the Chairman of the Committee, the distinguished representative of Sweden, Ambassador Ekus, and to the three co-ordinators, Mr. Niewuchwa, Mr. Macédo and Dr. Kruttsch.

My delegation hopes that this process will serve to stimulate the Conference not to diminish its activities, to strengthen the spirit of mutual understanding and accord, and to foster awareness of the responsibilities of all delegations at the Conference to reach this goal as early as possible. We trust, therefore, that even on sensitive issues such as on-site challenge inspections or the extent of the convention, adequate solutions will not be hard to find, since they are, in large part, already contained in compromise proposals.

The chemical weapons convention should be not only a code of obligations, but also an instrument for strengthening mutual confidence in international relations, which would, in turn, secure compliance with it. For not even the most sophisticated technical devices are able to ensure control based on mutually recognized interests and trust. This fact should certainly be taken into account when negotiating the extent of the convention.