

(Mr. Masri, Syrian Arab Republic)

establish an interlinkage between chemical, nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction in order to make the convention more consistent with its objectives.

Finally, I would like to summarize the reservations of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning this convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons. First, the Syrian Arab Republic's signature of this convention depends on its signature by Israel. Secondly, there is a need for an interlinkage between chemical weapons, weapons of mass destruction and nuclear weapons. Thirdly, there is a need to turn the Middle East into a region free of all weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear and chemical weapons.

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Mr. AZIKIWE (Nigeria):

... As this year's session draws to a close, it is only natural that we take stock of our work and relate it to the anticipation with which it began. We note with satisfaction the constructive and positive spirit of cooperation that generally prevailed, especially in the recently concluded negotiations on

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