

(The President)

I now turn to the second group of agenda items, that is, those on which the Conference has taken decisions or made recommendations and which, according to our consultations, are now ready for decision. With regard to the establishment of subsidiary bodies, I would now propose that we turn first to the establishment of a subsidiary body under item 4 of our agenda, Chemical weapons.

In that context, the Conference has before it document CD/WP.207, which is a draft decision on the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons. Do I hear any objections or any statements before the adoption of this draft decision? I hear none. So the Conference has adopted the draft decision provided in CD/WP.207. 1/

It was so decided.

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1/ (Also issued as CD/654). "The Conference on Disarmament, keeping in mind that the negotiation of a Convention should proceed with a view to its final elaboration at the earliest possible date, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolutions 39/65 C and 40/92 B, and in discharging its responsibility to conduct as a priority task the negotiations on a multilateral convention on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction, and to ensure the preparation of the convention, decides to re-establish, in accordance with its rules of procedure, for the duration of its 1986 session, the Ad Hoc Committee to continue the full and complete process of negotiations, developing and working out the convention, except for its final drafting, taking into account all existing proposals and drafts as well as future initiatives with a view to giving the Conference a possibility to achieve an agreement as soon as possible. This agreement, if possible, or a Report on the progress of the negotiations, should be recorded in the report which this Ad Hoc Committee will submit to the Conference at the end of the second part of its 1986 session.

"The Conference also decides to appoint Ambassador Ian Cromartie of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as Chairman of this Ad-Hoc Committee."