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The title of the subsidiary body also plays an important role. We consider that it should be called the Special Committee on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. The working groups and other necessary subordinate bodies would be set up accordingly within its framework.

The Soviet delegation considers it advisable to set up four working groups within the Committee. At the same time, it is prepared to consider the observations of other delegations on this score.

In the opinion of our delegation, the setting up of the following working groups in particular might be envisaged:

On questions of the purposes and scope of the Convention (definitions and criteria; formula of basic undertakings; non-production; permitted activities; non-use of chemical weapons; monitoring measures for such weapons; preamble and concluding provisions; etc.);

On questions of the elimination of stockpiles of chemical weapons and the elimination of production facilities for them (initial declarations, interim measures, elimination and monitoring);

On questions of compliance with the convention (international verification on request, national implementation measures, activities of the consultative and preparatory committees, consultations and co-operation, consideration of complaints, etc.);

On questions of the structure of the Convention (arrangement and order of articles, appendices, agreed understandings, etc.).

We believe that it may in turn be necessary to set up subsidiary bodies and other smaller organs within these working groups.

Naturally, the title of the organ itself must be fully in keeping with this complex structure of working bodies; as we stated earlier, we propose that it should be called a committee.

In conclusion the Soviet delegation would like to note your personal able leadership of our Conference which played an important role in assuring agreement on the mandate for the subsidiary body on the prohibition of chemical weapons. We are convinced that if all the delegations represented at the Conference display a responsible and honest approach to the negotiations, as well as a real readiness to seek mutually acceptable solutions, the Conference will be able to solve the important task facing it -- the elaboration of the convention prohibiting chemical weapons.