

Mr. NAZARKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian): On 24 and 25 March this year a regular meeting of the Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty was held in Moscow. The delegation of the USSR, the country which hosted and chaired the meeting, has requested the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament to circulate, as an official document, the decisions which were adopted by the Foreign Ministers Committee session. I am referring to the Communiqué of the meeting, the Statement "For Furthering the CSCE Process and Bringing the Vienna Follow-Up Meeting to a Successful Outcome", and the "Statement by the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty on the Issue of a Chemical Weapons Ban".

The distinguished representatives thus have the opportunity of considering the full texts of the documents adopted in Moscow. Meanwhile, we would like to highlight some aspects since the decisions of the Committee of Foreign Ministers have a direct bearing on the important problems we are discussing here.

The documents adopted at the Committee's meeting in Moscow testify to the continuing vigorous efforts of the States Parties of the Warsaw Treaty to end the arms race, reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons, prevent the militarization of outer space, destroy chemical weapons and the industrial base for their production, and bring about deep reductions in armed forces and armaments in Europe. These efforts are a reflection of the unvarying policy of principle of the allied socialist States aimed at building a comprehensive system of international security and creating a nuclear-free, non-violent world.

The allied socialist States believe that a speedy completion of the elaboration of a convention on the prohibition and elimination of chemical weapons and on the destruction of the industrial base for their manufacture is a crucial objective for the world community. They call on all States to do their utmost to conclude such a convention in 1987 so that this year already we could see the beginning of general and complete chemical disarmament. The

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participants in the Moscow meeting of Foreign Ministers consider that no country should take any steps whatsoever which might complicate the elaboration and conclusion of a convention on the prohibition and elimination of chemical weapons.