

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): Do any other delegations wish to take the floor before we adopt this report? If there is no objection, I will consider that the Conference adopts the report.

It was so decided.

Mr. BELAID (Algeria) (translated from French): . . .

I do not wish to review all the work we have done. However, I would like to underscore the progress made towards the elaboration of a convention to ban chemical weapons. Yet it must be noted that similar progress has not been recorded elsewhere, in particular on matters to which the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Group of 21 attach special priority, in other words nuclear issues. We remain hopeful that future work on the various items will be more successful thanks to contributions from all delegations.

Mrs. WANG (China) (translated from Chinese): . . .

Although the session has achieved some success in its substantive work, on chemical weapons in the main, the progress it was able to make was still a far cry from the high hopes we cherished at the initial stage of the session. In particular, little headway was made in the areas of nuclear weapons and outer space. The task before us is still a formidable one, and we need to make further efforts.