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place or facility without any limitations. We consider it important that these basic questions be cleared up before making a final assault on article IX.

During the spring session quite considerable effort went into discussion of the concept of ad hoc checks or inspections. The delegation of the United Kingdom submitted a proposal in this regard, which we consider useful and interesting. Further discussion on this approach, as well as on previous relevant proposals, might be useful. Our delegation would be pleased if more clarity could be achieved during the summer session on the scope of application of ad hoc inspections as well as on procedures. Further clarifying of this verification concept could also contribute to the discussion on other forms of verification, including inspections on challenge.

My delegation shares the view that the equitable composition and effective decision-making procedures of the Executive Council will be important for smooth implementation of the CW convention. In order to ensure that the Executive Council is in a position to take effective action whenever necessary, this body must inevitably have limited participation. Such action should be based on considerations taking into account the views and interests of all regions and groups of States. The representative nature of the Executive Council should be ensured through the principle of rotation of its membership and through its composition, which should be based primarily on geographical and political criteria. The level of development of the chemical industry in individual States is also of relevance for the composition of the Executive Council. While a spirit of compromise and co-operation should prevail in the decision-making process, the functioning of the CW convention would be hampered if the composition of the Executive Council made it possible for decisions to be imposed unjustifiably.