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## Mr. FRIEDERSDORF (United States of America):

As you mentioned, Mr. President, we are pleased and highly honoured to note that with our delegation today are members of the United States Senate Arms Control Observer Group and their staff, who are visiting Geneva for consultations on the nuclear and space talks, the nuclear testing talks, and the chemical weapons negotiations. Our delegation welcomes Senator Claiborne Pell, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who represents the State of Rhode Island, Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, Senator Jake Garn of Utah, Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland and Senator John Warner of the State of Virginia. Their presence here testifies to the strong interest in the legislative branch of the United States Government in our negotiations on a chemical weapons ban.

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