

(The President)

approve the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons? I would be very grateful to Mr. Mashhadi if he would be good enough to answer Ambassador von Wagner's question.

Mr. MASHHADI (Islamic Republic of Iran): My Ambassador in the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee said:

"Due to this ongoing effort, therefore, and at this stage, we are only prepared to agree that this text be transmitted to the Conference on Disarmament, along with reservations which have been expressed ... I must stress that our final position vis-à-vis the text at the Conference on Disarmament will be contingent upon the final outcome of the discussions relating to article VIII."

That means that any decision, any position, by my delegation on the report as such will be contingent upon the outcome of discussions relating to article VIII.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I will repeat my question, then. Is the Conference prepared to approve the report introduced by Ambassador von Wagner and issued as document CD/1170? Are there any objections to our adopting this report? There are none. The report is therefore adopted. I thank you all for helping us through that important stage.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French):

... Section C (Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters). Are there any comments? There are none. Let us move on to section D (Chemical weapons). The representative of Pakistan has asked for the floor, and I give it to him.