

Mr. BATSANOV (Russian Federation) (translated from Russian):

... Today, I should like to introduce the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, which I had the honour to chair during the 1991 session of the Conference on Disarmament. As you have indicated, Mr. President, this report has been distributed by the secretariat as document CD/1116, dated 20 January 1992, and it describes the results of the Ad Hoc Committee's work for the period from September 1991 to 20 January 1992 inclusive.

The report retains the format of previous years: a technical part, the draft text of the Convention on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on their destruction (Appendix I); and an Appendix II, which contains various papers reflecting results of work undertaken on a number of issues relating to the draft Convention. In comparing this report with the preceding report of the Ad Hoc Committee, contained in document CD/1108, one cannot fail to note that during the latest period the so-called rolling text has been amplified with a good deal of new material, much of it formulated in treaty language. This mainly concerns verification issues, which have been among the central issues in our negotiations. Appendix I contains wording for the second part of article IX - a space that has long remained blank.

Furthermore, part III of the Protocol on Inspection Procedures has been considerably redone, its text reflecting new ideas put forward in the course of last year and the results of their discussion by the participants in negotiations. Appendix II contains new texts of annexes to article VI reflecting the considerable work done on clarifying and improving the verification mechanism for civilian chemical industry. Appendix II also contains for the first time provisions in treaty language pertaining to the composition, functions and decision-making procedure of the executive council. Also to be found in Appendix II are draft provisions on the financing of the future organization and the results of last year's discussion of so-called old stocks of chemical weapons.

Numerous additions and clarifications have been introduced into the draft Convention representing the results of the work done in various structures of the Ad Hoc Committee; and a number of footnotes that reflected unagreed

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