

(Mr. Ahmad, Pakistan)

Concern has been expressed by a few delegations, including mine, over the possibility that some of the States possessing a chemical weapons capability might not adhere to the convention, or that activities which would undermine the objectives of the convention might be carried out on the territories of non-parties. These are problems that will need to be given careful attention by the Conference. Our proposal in CD/752 seeks to address these concerns by assuring States parties facing a chemical weapons threat from any source, whether a party or non-party, of assistance from other States parties. The question of the responsibility of States parties for the activities of their persons, whether natural or legal, on the territory of non-parties is also relevant in this context. There is, moreover, the wider question of what States parties can do collectively about a State party which violates the convention, or about a non-party which retains or acquires a chemical weapons capability.

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The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I should like to remind you that, in conformity with the timetable of meetings for this week, the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons was to meet immediately after the plenary meeting. However, as consultations are under way on the Committee's report, the meeting scheduled for today will be held tomorrow, Friday, at 10 a.m. in room III.