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less hardened spirits. Take, for instance, the question of challenge on-site inspection in the context of Article IX which is being dealt with in Working Group C, of which we feel honoured to have a member of the Indonesian delegation acting as its Chairman. Further intensive work is still required for its final solution. But, on the other hand, let us consider who would have dared to predict even at the beginning of our session this year, that by this time we would have reached the stage in which we are finding ourselves now.

Important progress has certainly been made in the negotiation of the issue of on-site inspection by challenge, but it seems that further substantive work on the basis of the results achieved is needed in order that they can get the recognition they deserve in our view. Perhaps the remaining few weeks of this session could be usefully availed of for achieving this end.

My delegation believes that, given the necessary political will, on which we have been given plenty of assurances, with hard work and sufficient flexibility, a constructive approach and readiness to make mutual concessions all around, a solution of this and other still unresolved problems may yet prove to be within our reach at least during our next session.

The often-mentioned use of chemical weapons and their alleged further spread in the past few years, in addition to the great expectation that has been raised world-wide in the Conference's current work on the CW convention should make us all realize that we cannot afford to, and indeed must not, fail.