

(The President)

I also hope that the ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons will continue its negotiations during the second part of the session in the same serious and positive spirit that characterized its work during the first part, so that the Committee can deservedly become an example to be followed for all the other agenda items. I have no doubt that Ambassador Ekéus, the representative of Sweden, will ensure this through his capable chairmanship of that Committee.

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(Mr. Petrovsky, USSR)

I am pleased to note that the negotiations on the conclusion of a convention to eliminate chemical weapons, conducted at the Conference, have entered the home stretch. How soon final success at the negotiations will be achieved depends on the collective wisdom and will of the representatives gathered today at the Palais des Nations.

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(Mrs. Theorin, Sweden)

Here in the Conference on Disarmament, there should be no reason not to move urgently towards an agreement banning all chemical weapons. The time is ripe. A chemical weapons convention should secure the complete elimination of an entire category of weapons of mass destruction. To achieve this is a common priority of all delegations here present. It requires purposeful and speedy action.