

(Mr. Azambuja, Brazil)

our structure and ways of doing business; the tireless work done by the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons in the 1989-1990 session and the great hopes we can have for its future work, if the negotiators keep in mind the need to succeed in a reasonable time frame.

My two main themes this morning are linked in a multiple way. New thinking should lead to more trust and consequently to the more speedy completion of a CW convention, banning for ever this abhorrent means of warfare. The success of this body in negotiating a multilateral convention of such importance would also, in turn, reinforce trends towards a more harmonious and peaceful international scene. Let us pursue these two objectives simultaneously - the modernization of our working methods and the completion of our first multilateral disarmament agreement in many years. My delegation will contribute to the best of its ability to the attainment of these worthy and urgent objectives.

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Mr. GARCIA MORITAN (Argentina) (translated from Spanish):

In my first statement before the Conference on Disarmament I have the satisfaction of reading the following special message addressed to this body by the President of Argentina, Carlos S. Menem:

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(Mr. García Moritán, Argentina)

... "The convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons which is being drafted by this Conference must not be delayed. It is time our negotiators found the formulae that will enable us to harmonize all our positions and deal with outstanding issues as soon as possible. I have given clear instructions in this regard to the Permanent Representative of my country in those negotiations.