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important step toward a chemical weapons convention. However, there are 38 other negotiating partners whose views must be taken into account. Their important role has been clearly demonstrated, for example, in the areas of challenge inspection and non-production. The United States delegation is prepared to work closely and constructively with all other delegations, under the leadership of the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee, during the inter-sessional discussions and on into the 1988 session, so that a complete and effective ban on chemical weapons may become a reality.

As we strive to reach a final agreement we must also pay careful attention to some points more directly related to economic and technological development. As we have stated in CD/CW/3.12, the banning of the production, stockpiling and stockpiling of chemical weapons by means of an internationally binding instrument would represent a major achievement in the process of disarmament and, by the same token, a significant contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security. In the light of the important and explicit links between disarmament and security, on the one hand, and economic development on the other, a convention on chemical weapons should necessarily include provisions related to the interests of developing countries, with due attention to the needs of the developing areas of the world. We believe that such provisions should be included in the convention to ensure that all countries are able to benefit from the progress of disarmament.

The convention should do so basically in two different ways. Firstly, in a negative way, by ensuring that none of the provisions of the convention are to hinder the development of chemical industry for peaceful purposes in any country whatsoever. Secondly, in a positive way, by including specific provisions intended to provide developing countries with technical assistance and technology.

Seeing that in mind, we have proposed -- as also indicated in the above-mentioned document -- that in its draft articles on the draft convention on chemical weapons, a separate paragraph should be included as follows: "It is to be understood that the convention shall not be interpreted as hindering the development of chemical technology and industry for peaceful purposes."

Accordingly, and without prejudice to the provisions of the convention which is to be concluded as one that ranks among the basic principles governing the main purposes of disarmament and development -- the provisions of the convention should lead to the following: "It is to be understood that the convention shall not be interpreted as hindering the development of chemical technology and industry for peaceful purposes."

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