

The PRESIDENT:

... As you know, the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons approved yesterday a communication addressed to all States, members and non-members of the Conference, concerning the seat for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Under rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the President shall represent the Conference in its relations with States, in full consultation with the Conference and under its authority. If there is no objection, I shall proceed to send that communication, as drafted. I see no objection.

It was so decided.

... I believe that my distinguished colleagues share the satisfaction that we have achieved concrete results as regards some important organizational questions. At the very beginning of our work, we were able to set up the

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Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons and we elected the Ambassador of Germany, H.E. Mr. von Wagner, as its Chairman. That achievement is in full conformity with the assessment that it will be exceptionally important that this year we wind up our work on the Convention on the total prohibition of chemical weapons successfully. Through that we have sent a good message to our Governments and to public opinion, that we are serious and dedicated to the conclusion of this Convention on time.