

The PRESIDENT:

... I should like now to put before the Conference, for adoption, the report of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, contained in document CD/881. If there is no objection, I shall take it that the Conference adopts the report of the Ad hoc Committee.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: As agreed at the outset, I shall now suspend the plenary meeting and convene an informal meeting to take up the re-establishment of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, the appointment of its Chairman and requests from non-member States to participate in our work.

(The President)

I now turn to working paper CD/WP.360, dealing with the re-establishment of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons. In connection with the process leading to the adoption of that working paper, I would like to make the following remarks.

I had consultations in connection with some proposals advanced about the mandate of the Committee on CW at the plenary session on 7 February. From my consultations with all the groups, a consensus did not emerge, but there was a general will to start the work of the Committee without delay. In consideration of these facts and in order to start the work, I propose that we re-establish the Committee on the basis of the existing mandate. Therefore, I shall now proceed to put before the Conference for adoption working paper CD/WP.360. If I see no objection, I shall take it that the Conference adopts the draft decision.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I would like to add some other words after the adoption of the decision on the mandate. I hope that the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, which has just been re-established, will work in the spirit of the Final Declaration of the Paris Conference.

I now turn to the appointment of the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons. I understand that there is consensus on the appointment of Ambassador Pierre Morel of France as Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee, as recommended in the report of the Ad hoc Committee adopted today. May I take it that the Conference so agrees?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I extend our congratulations to Ambassador Morel on this important assignment. We are glad to have him in that position. I also wish him every success in discharging his important responsibilities as Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee. Is there any other delegation wishing to take the floor? I give the floor to the representative of Sweden.