

(Mr. Semichi, Algeria)

(continued in English)

"74. It was agreed by consensus that the draft convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on their destruction adopted by the Conference on Disarmament be transmitted to the United Nations General Assembly."

(continued in French)

That was the text on which a number of delegations reached agreement taking into account, once again, all the ideas which were put forward in the course of the discussion.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I thank Ambassador Semichi. I am very grateful to him for taking on the role of spokesman for what I hope is a large group of delegations that agreed on this text. Everyone, I hope, has noted the proposal that has been made. Does any delegation wish to take the floor? I give the floor to the representative of the Netherlands.

Mr. GEVERS (Netherlands): Of course my delegation can agree to that formulation. I just wanted to ask whether it wouldn't be better to specify the forty-seventh General Assembly.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I thank Mr. Gevers for that suggestion, which I do not think need give rise to lengthy discussions, in addition to the fact that it clarifies matters usefully. Is the text proposed by Ambassador Semichi acceptable to the Conference? There are no objections. This is a second miracle for which I thank my colleagues - if some people wish to applaud I authorize them to do so.

Now we will continue to go through the overall report section by section, and we come to section E (Prevention of an arms race in outer space). Does any delegation wish to make any comments? The delegation of Iran was asking for the floor.

Mr. MASHHADI (Islamic Republic of Iran): Mr. President, as it was said at the beginning that it was agreed, you made the ruling that following the work on these paragraphs 72, 73, 74, the request of my delegation would be heeded, and that is the suspension in order to finalize the consultation in the Asian Group on the adoption of this part which my delegation's agreement will be contingent upon. My delegation has not yet agreed to the adoption of part D as was said earlier, which is somehow related to the composition of the executive council. Some consultations are going on, so I would like to renew my request that we have a suspension so that the Group will make their agreement on that.

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I thought that agreement had been reached and that everybody was consulting on every possible and conceivable subject. I certainly saw the Asian Group in particular withdraw to a corner of the room. I thought that it had reached agreement, but that does not appear to be the case. But I doubt that a suspension of 10 minutes would be sufficient to resolve the problems that have arisen, unless