

(Mr. von Stulpnagel, Federal Republic of Germany)

I would, at this juncture, where we have overcome potentially substantial problems for our negotiations, thank all those participating States and all those member States who have contributed in a responsible and positive way. I would also thank those who have particularly contributed to our negotiations, especially in chemical weapons, over time. I cited as a particular token of fidelity and engagement the delegation of Finland, which has contributed as much, if not more, than member delegations. I may utter the wish that all delegations having the right to participate, members and non-members, contribute more than their presence. What my delegation would regret would be participation not with a material object in view but the perceived behaviour of other States.

Also, the plenary should abide by rule 30 of our rules of procedure, which clearly says that it is the right of any member State of the Conference to raise any subject relevant to the work of the Conference.

The CD, which I knew almost four years ago, had strong elements then of confrontation and verbal battles. In the last years, though, we have become more reasonable and more reasoned. We have concentrated more on our work at hand, we have put more impetus in the matters of multilateral disarmament. I hope that all participating States will accept this new and more fruitful style of our Conference. What my delegation hopes for is mainly useful and future-orientated work in the field of chemical weapons, our main course. All States carrying responsibility here - some more, some less - let us all live up to our respective responsibility.

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Mr. NASSERI (Islamic Republic of Iran):

... On the issue just decided, I wish to make the following statement, and in doing so, I hope that I can be pardoned for being a bit frank as the

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