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In July, a meeting of chemical industry experts from many countries was held. Let me again turn to the Swedish delegation and thank Dr. Santesson, who put a lot of effort into chairing this useful meeting.

If we turn to the report we can see that, in general, it maintains the structure and follows the pattern of previous sessions. It consists of several parts on which I would like to comment briefly.

In the so-called technical part I would like to draw your attention to the conclusions and recommendations, especially the recommendations on inter-sessional work to be held in two phases before the beginning of the 1989 session. The session of limited duration in January is to be preceded by open-ended consultations. Both are needed more than ever as we are at a decisive and very specific stage of the negotiations. The inter-sessional work corresponds well with the often reiterated wish of public opinion for the early conclusion of a global, comprehensive draft convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons.

As I have already touched upon the inter-sessional work, let me take this opportunity to inform the delegations that as a result of my consultations, I propose that during the open-ended consultations in November, December and during the resumed session in January we should concentrate our efforts on the following main issues: confidentiality with regard to verification of non-production of chemical weapons in the chemical industry; undiminished security during the destruction period; guidelines on the international inspectorate; and article X on assistance.

Turning to the report, may I draw your attention to appendix I, which represents the updated version of the "rolling text" of the draft convention, thus reflecting the present stage of elaboration of the provisions of the draft convention. That is why it can be considered as a fundamental part of the report. As you will see, progress has been made in many important areas. Changes of various kinds, from very substantive improvements to rather editorial corrections, have been introduced in a majority of the articles and annexes. I assume that these changes are well known to the delegations and that there is no need to go into detailed identification and evaluation of them.

Let me, however, point out some of the achievements which I would place among the most important during this session. In article II the term "chemical weapons production facility" has been largely agreed upon. Article V, and especially the annex to this article, have been further developed and rectified. A new part of the guidelines on the international inspectorate concerning general rules governing inspections under article IX has been developed and agreed upon. I wish to stress, however, that despite hard and intensive work by all of us during the whole session, the results achieved, though important, are not - at least in my view - fully satisfactory.

Appendix II represents negotiating material at a less advanced stage. It contains papers reflecting the results of work undertaken so far on issues under the convention. Its content illustrates its transitional character.