

Mr. MOREL (France) (translated from French):

... The time has come to introduce to you the report of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, reference CD/952, which the Committee adopted on Friday, 18 August. It contains the three well-known elements: the technical section; appendix I, which is the "rolling text" proper; and appendix II, which serves as a basis for future work. Here I would like to draw your attention to a typographical error in the French version of the report. In the table of contents for appendix II, the fourth line from the bottom on page 15 should read "Articles XII, XIV et XX de la structure préliminaire...". In the same way, the heading on page 215 should read "Articles XII, XIV et XX de la structure préliminaire...". The secretariat has informed me that a corrigendum will be distributed to put this right.

Before I take you quickly through the main results achieved by the Committee since last February, I would like to start by making a few general comments. Firstly, we have done an enormous amount of work. I am well aware that the result we are all looking for is not a question of quantity but of quality, and if the Committee, together with its subsidiary bodies, organized 209 meetings in all, the idea was to make as much progress as possible towards the completion of the convention banning chemical weapons, in accordance with

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