

CD/PV.334

12

The PRESIDENT (translated from Spanish): I suggest that we now take up for adoption the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, contained in document CD/636. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Conference adopts the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

It was so decided.

CD/PV.334

12

Mr. ROSE (German Democratic Republic): In connection with the adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons contained in document CD/636 I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Group of Socialist Countries concerning the recommendation for next year's chairmanship of that Committee.

The socialist countries proceed from the position that the chairmanship of that subsidiary body should rotate as this is the case with other committees of the Conference on Disarmament. According to a gentleman's agreement the principle of rotation, an already established practice, applies to all subsidiary bodies of the Conference with only one exception, to which we all agreed.

(Cont'd)