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... Similarly, as a country situated in the Balkan region, Romania favours and is working for the transformation of that part of the continent into a zone free of nuclear and chemical weapons and of foreign military bases. At the same time we support the creation of such zones in the north and centre of Europe as well as in other continents. In that spirit we welcome the recent entry into force of the Treaty of Rarotonga establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the South Pacific.

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... Romania attaches great importance to the total prohibition and final elimination of chemical weapons, and thus to the preparation by the Conference of a draft convention. The results achieved to date by the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons under the skilful guidance of Ambassador Cromartie to whom we wish to express the Romanian delegation's gratitude, represent remarkable steps towards the elaboration of the text of the convention. Several delegations that have already spoken have stressed the importance and urgency of developing a text of this convention as well as their willingness to exert the necessary efforts for resolving the problems or issues that remain

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pending: notably verification of non-production of chemical weapons by civilian industry, challenge inspection, declaration and verification of stocks of chemical weapons and other problems. In all these areas, verification remains the key problem. The agreed measures should be such as to inspire confidence that the provisions of the convention will be respected by all States parties. It is on that aspect in particular that we shall have to focus our attention during the process of searching for generally acceptable solutions. As regards the verification provisions, especially on-site inspection, we suggest using the formulas contained in the document of the Stockholm Conference. In our view, the monitoring system agreed upon should not in any way affect the development of the chemical industry for peaceful purposes, or the enhancement of the technical and scientific potential of each country.

Like other delegations, we hope that under the skilful chairmanship of the distinguished representative of Sweden, Ambassador Ekéus, the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons will this year be able to carry to its conclusion the task entrusted to it.