

(Mr. Bayart, Mongolia)

technological co-operation, under which States parties to the convention will assume an obligation to promote the peaceful development of the chemical industry.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize the need to continue negotiations on chemical weapons during the inter-sessional period. Such inter-sessional work, which has been undertaken by the Conference as an almost regular feature during the last few years, has proved to be highly productive.

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(Mr. Burns, United States of America)

Turning the focus to a somewhat broader scale, let me briefly address what I see as a serious problem for international security: the threats posed by the proliferation of ballistic missiles, the proliferation of nuclear explosive capabilities, and the proliferation of chemical weapons. The spread of none of these is in our collective interest, nor in the interest of international stability. It can only make more complicated the task of preventing the outbreak of conflict at the local, regional, or even global level. It can only make more complicated the task of resolving such conflicts once they have begun - as the sad events in the Gulf region bear witness.