

(Mr. Morel, France)

the confidence which has been shown in me - and for which I would like to thank all the delegations again - the best way of applying our collective determination, as manifested in the United Nations resolutions adopted by consensus, as manifested in the Paris Declaration and, of course, in the mandate itself, is quite simply to announce that the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons will meet tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., then again on Monday, at 3 p.m., and that during next week each of the five working groups will have its opening meeting with full conference services. In this way, at the end of next week the actual substantive work will have begun in all the areas where serious problems remain for us to solve.

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(Cardinal Casaroli, Holy See)

In 1979 your "Decalogue" presented you with an ambitious picture of sectors where you could work. Notable among them, because of the seriousness of the problem and the emphasis placed on it by the United Nations General Assembly and the international community, is the problem of chemical weapons. Last year the Conference on Disarmament, which has long been active in this area, and aware of "its responsibility to conduct as a priority task the negotiations on a multilateral convention on the complete and effective

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