

Mr. DIETZE (German Democratic Republic):

... As in previous years, the Conference mainly concentrated this year on elaborating the convention on the complete prohibition and destruction of chemical weapons. This corresponds to the current state of affairs in the area of multilateral disarmament and to the appeals launched by the Paris Conference to this forum to redouble efforts to resolve expeditiously the pending issues and to conclude the convention at the earliest date. We note that under the effective guidance of the distinguished representative of France, Ambassador Pierre Morel, the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, making use of the advantages resulting from the organizational structure of the Committee, has succeeded in intensifying its work. Certain strides have

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been made concerning a number of issues, in particular the annex on chemicals, the régime for laboratory synthesis of schedule [1] chemicals, the confidentiality annex, a number of issues regarding the future organization, assistance for protection against chemical weapons, as well as some final clauses. Furthermore, the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons has at this session for the first time engaged in substantive discussion on a number of issues which objectively existed also before, but for some reason remained in the background. This has become possible largely due to the chairmen of the five working groups which were established within the Ad hoc Committee.

The socialist countries on their part made an active contribution in submitting a proposal on the laboratory synthesis of schedule [1] chemicals as well as in displaying their readiness for compromise regarding a solution for super-toxic lethal chemicals not included in schedule [1]. Another proposal provided for testing the challenge inspection procedure in multilateral trial inspections. Four countries of our Group reported on the results achieved during trial inspections carried out by them. We call for an early start of well-prepared multilateral trial inspections.

It is deplorable that no noticeable progress has been reached on the outstanding key problems. Therefore, we appeal to all delegations to conduct serious work in a spirit of accommodation during the summer part of the session. We hold that a real breakthrough must be achieved in the CW negotiations, first and foremost in such areas as challenge inspection, the overall system of verification, the régimes under article VI, the composition and decision-making of the Executive Council as well as the order of destruction of chemical weapons and CW production facilities. Reaching agreement on articles X and XI of the "rolling text" would contribute to ensuring global adherence to the convention. We believe that the present stage of negotiations calls for endeavours aimed at finding solutions rather than creating new difficulties.