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facilities set out in the working paper correspond to the number of locations. The presentation of the above-mentioned working paper is another practical step on the part of the German Democratic Republic to promote progress in the negotiations, increase confidence and contribute to the early conclusion of the convention. We reaffirm our resolve to be among the first to sign and ratify it.

Several countries plan to conduct national trial inspections as a first step in multilateral experiments. The German Democratic Republic also plans to carry out such a national experiment, before the end of this year. Preparations are in full swing. Our thanks are due to Ambassador Ekéus for his readiness to co-ordinate the activities of the countries participating in these activities.

Considerations have been put forward on how to ensure the broadest possible adherence to the convention upon its entry into force. An interesting idea has been aired in this regard, namely the convening of a special conference for this purpose. The forthcoming forty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly will offer a first opportunity to take up this question. I would like to make a few observations on how to take advantage of that opportunity.

When dealing with the report of the CD to the forty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly, it would be advisable to inform all United Nations Member States about the state of the negotiations and the tasks to be solved prior to the entry into force of the convention. This we deem all the more important since the "rolling text" is not easy to grasp for those States not involved in the CD negotiations. The Chairman of the CW Committee could give an account of the state of the negotiations, and comments could be added by the item co-ordinators from the various groups. All delegations would thereafter have an opportunity to enter into an exchange of opinions. Informal consultations between delegations would be an additional form of discussion. A concluding statement by the Chairman of the First Committee and/or a draft resolution, if appropriate, would be suitable for recording the results of these activities.

In dealing with activities aimed at fostering the early conclusion of a global convention, I should also like to draw your attention to regional measures to this end. I have especially in mind the creation of a chemical-weapon-free zone in central Europe. We are firmly convinced that the establishment of such a zone in parallel with the preparation of a global CW ban would significantly stimulate the world-wide convention and promote universal adherence to it. The situation in which we find ourselves should impel us to combine all our efforts in the CD to conclude the convention banning all chemical weapons as soon as possible by vigorously pursuing our work on its articles and annexes. This is the only way to fulfil the task our Conference is facing.