

(Ambassador Houlliez, Belgium)

First and foremost it is necessary to tackle our work with a well-structured plan which, while taking into account the urgency of our role, enables us to achieve a logical and effective distribution of the various categories of problems. What we need, first of all, is a sincere political will to create conditions to ensure the progress and the success that we set ourselves as a goal in Paris. In this forum marked by important statements by figures who have left their profound imprint on the process of disarmament, and whose words have been inspired by very lofty considerations, I would not wish to go into the detail of the means to achieve our goal. For that purpose there are more appropriate means, places and circumstances. What I can assure you of is that the Western Group, together with all the other delegations, will seek the most realistic, the most effective and the most expeditious way to arrive at the conclusion of a convention which will free mankind from the fear of chemical weapons. This cause is universal; it calls for the support of all States and requires us to rise above partisan interests. This too is one of the messages left by the Paris Conference.

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Mr. FAN (China) (translated from Chinese):

... After listening carefully to the statement made by the distinguished representative of Kenya on behalf of the Group of 21, and the statement made by the distinguished Ambassador of Belgium on behalf of the Western Group, I would like to briefly state the views of the Chinese delegation. China has all along attached great importance to the negotiations on the prohibition of CW, and stands for the conclusion at an early date of a convention to

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