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chemicals. In this connection we would like to underline that the question of verification of non-production of chemical weapons in the chemical industry should be approached cautiously with a view to avoiding an unnecessary burden upon the developing countries which are still in the process of developing their chemical industry.

With reference to the effective functioning of the verification system of the convention, the Indonesian delegation welcomes the conduct of the meeting of the Technical Group on Instrumentation. Based on the experience gained from our participation in the meeting, it was learnt that the existing laboratories and research institutes in Indonesia are operating the same instrumentation as conceived to be used in the future verification system. As for the need to furnish inspectors for the future implementation of the verification system of the convention, I wish to express the appreciation of the Indonesian Government to the Government of Finland for granting the opportunity for Indonesian officials to participate in the training course for such inspectors. We earnestly hope that this initiative will be followed by other countries which are in a position to do so, with a view to improving the technical skills of the personnel for the smooth implementation of the convention.

While recognizing the importance of the total elimination of weapons of mass destruction, in particular chemical weapons, we should not lose sight of the need to pursue the efforts towards a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing, which is long overdue. It has been noted that the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban has resumed its work. We recognize that the progress of the work in the Committee in stemming further qualitative improvements of nuclear weaponry falls far short of expectations. There is still a tremendous amount of work ahead of us in order to conclude a comprehensive nuclear test-ban regime which will be universally adhered to. The resumption of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee is expected to be a good beginning. We hope that its endeavours will be instrumental in the overall effort to establish a comprehensive test-ban treaty.