

(Mr. Park, Republic of Korea)

He further proposed that South and North Korea should jointly renounce chemical weapons as a means of armed conflict with a view to freeing the whole Korean people, in both South and North, from the danger of such deadly weapons.

My delegation is impressed by the intensive efforts made under the able and dedicated leadership of Ambassador Pierre Morel of France to expedite negotiations on the chemical weapons convention. We wish to extend our deep appreciation to Ambassador Morel for the thoughtful arrangements he made for the participating non-member States of the CD to be informed of developments in the negotiations.

As understanding and co-operation by the civilian chemical industry is an integral part of an effective and verifiable chemical weapons convention, it is encouraging that the second part of the session saw the participation of representatives from the chemical industry. The Government-Industry Conference against Chemical Weapons to be held in Canberra in September this year is an important development in this endeavour. My delegation highly appreciates the invitation extended to my country by the Australian Government, and looks forward to participation in the conference. We hope that the momentum generated by the intensive efforts made and the other ensuing pertinent developments taking place this year will contribute positively to the speedy and early conclusion of the negotiations on the chemical weapons convention.

CD/PV.530

21

Mr. FRIEDERSDORF (United States of America): I would like to express our appreciation to the chemical weapons Ad hoc Committee Chairman Ambassador Pierre Morel and his five working group chairmen for the fine work accomplished this year. The report being submitted to the CD today reflects progress made this year in the many additions to the draft treaty text in appendix I and in the many useful papers in appendix II.

(continued)