

(Mr. McPhail, Canada)

No one is fully satisfied, nor should one be. In the Working Group, unresolved issues, some fundamental, remain. There are indeed unresolved issues standing in the way of resolution of issues confronting all our working groups. In one or two of these groups, the issues are so long-standing as to appear to be permanent fixtures, immovable objects, which no procedural lever is likely to pry loose. In such instances, the time is ripe for us to have a hard look at how much further we can go without either insisting on fresh instructions from capitals or else applying more broadly still the unwritten rule of compromise and negotiation I referred to earlier -- the holding in check of debate which is not in itself an ingredient of the negotiating process.

Mr. ISSRAELYAN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian):
 Permit me to express on behalf of the Soviet delegation and in connection with the adoption of the reports of the working groups gratitude to the Chairmen of the working groups, Comrade Rose, Ambassador McPhail, Ambassador Ahmad, Ambassador Robles, and Ambassador Lidgard. They did, indeed, no small amount of work and, if we did not achieve the desired results, they are, naturally, the least to blame. But I have not taken the floor merely for an expression of thanks. I was not present for today's statement by the United States delegation

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