

(Mr. Kosin, Yugoslavia)

Certain reservations already expressed as to the possibility that not all States will become parties to the convention seem somewhat premature - all the more so as this is the very purpose of the general endeavours of the Conference, including the participation of non-member States. A proposal still on the table concerning universal accession to the convention is that offered by the Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia at SSOD-III for the convening of an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

We do not want to underestimate the proliferation issue, but we hold the strong conviction that it can be solved only by the conclusion of a convention which would meet the needs of all countries.

We are of the opinion that conditions to accelerate the otherwise slow negotiations are improving. Therefore, besides a political decision, we need to focus on those problems which our Conference must and should resolve, and leave the other to organs yet to be created. The Committee, under the expert and dynamic leadership of Ambassador Morel, has gone a long way in clarifying many issues. We believe that as of now we could fix a time frame for the conclusion of the convention which would significantly stimulate the negotiations that have been going on for too long now. We are fully confident that Ambassador Hyltenius, with his knowledge and experience, will do all he can to have the controversial issues resolved as soon as possible.