

(Mr. Monshemvula, Zaire)

If all these conditions were met, the signature of a treaty on the denuclearization of Africa would enjoy better chances of success. Zaire for its part has spared no effort to work towards this objective. Zaire's relations with its neighbours are peaceful, and its policy has always been to maintain good relations with other States in the region, whatever their political colour.

As far as the results of the Conference are concerned, my delegation would like to welcome the re-establishment of the following ad hoc committees in the course of the spring session: the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, the Ad hoc Committee on Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, the Ad hoc Committee on Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-nuclear-weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons, the Ad hoc Committee on Radiological Weapons and the Ad hoc Committee on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament.

The United Nations General Assembly expects a full draft comprehensive disarmament programme, as well as a draft convention on the complete banning of chemical weapons, to be submitted this year.

In this connection, my delegation would like to express its sincere gratitude for the tremendous efforts made by Ambassador García Robles, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, who tirelessly continues to chair the Ad hoc Committee on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament, the eloquent Ambassador Cromartie, who last year took over the chairmanship of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, and the talented and indefatigable Ambassador Ekéus, who has now taken over the chairmanship of that Committee. If the Conference succeeds in submitting these two drafts within the deadlines, it will have shown the world that increasing progress towards general and complete disarmament can be expected in future.

Mr. ASIF EZDI (Pakistan): Mr. President, my delegation has taken the floor today to introduce a proposal on the draft Convention on Chemical Weapons. This proposal relates specifically to the subject of assistance falling under article X of the Convention. We understand that it is being issued today as a document of the Conference under the number CD/752, and as a working paper of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons as CD/CW/WP.165.