

Mr. SUJKA (Poland): Before introducing to the Conference the report of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, which I have had the honour to chair during this session, let me congratulate you, Mr. President, on the effective way you are performing your duties as President of the Conference in the usually difficult last month of the session. In seeing you, representative of Iran, in the Chair of the President, I cannot but use this opportunity to express my delegation's sincere hope that the talks on stopping the armed conflict in the Persian Gulf, which have started at Geneva, will soon bring the favourable solution awaited by the whole world.

I have the pleasure today to present to the Conference the report of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons as contained in document CD/874. This report was adopted in its entirety by the Ad hoc Committee at its 21st meeting on 12 September. During this year's session the Committee has worked again on the basis of the same mandate which was given to the Committee for the first time in 1984. This mandate is indicated in paragraph 1 of the report.

As agreed at the beginning of the session, the Committee dealt with all the articles of the draft convention, as indicated in its preliminary structure. The work was carried on in three working groups chaired by Mr. Cima of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Macedo of Mexico and Mr. Numata of Japan. In addition I held a number of open-ended consultations on articles XII to XVI of the draft convention.

Under the auspices of the Ad hoc Committee, and at my request, Ambassador Rolf Ekéus of Sweden held informal, open-ended consultations to prepare the ground for multilateral trial inspections in the chemical industry. The results of these consultations are included in working paper CD/CW/WP.213. I wish to express to Ambassador Ekéus my deep gratitude for his efforts and efficiency in performing these duties.

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