

Mr. BATSANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian): The Soviet delegation would like to say a few words in response to the statements made by the representative of the United States, Ambassador Friedersdorf, and the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ambassador von Stülpnagel. First of all, we should like to note Mr. Friedersdorf's comment concerning the ban on chemical weapons, and to assure him and all other participants in the negotiations on this important issue that the Soviet delegation intends in the near future to dwell in greater detail on the initiatives which were contained in the statement of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR, Comrade Shevardnadze, and naturally, it will be available for discussions with all delegations, and will be happy to answer any questions that may arise in this regard, so as to expedite negotiations on the prohibition of chemical weapons to the maximum possible extent.