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While still on this subject, I would like to refer to the Soviet statement made on 21 February that the Soviet Union is willing to accept the continuous stationing of international inspection teams at locations where certain types of chemical weapons are being destroyed. We welcome the explanation of this Soviet proposal that is contained in document CD/CW/WP.78, dated 2 April 1984. We would like to ask the Soviet delegation to clarify two points in regard to its proposal. First, would the continuous presence of inspectors during the destruction of chemical weapons be supplemented by continuous monitoring with instruments? Second, under the Soviet proposal, would continuous presence of inspectors be limited only to the destruction of super-toxic lethal chemicals and their corresponding munitions and devices? We look forward to receiving answers to these two important questions.

In our draft convention, the facilities for producing chemical weapons would also be subject to systematic international on-site verification from the moment their location is declared until they are destroyed. This verification will ensure that the production facility ceases to produce chemical weapons and that it is eventually destroyed. During the initial inspection after declaration, the international inspectors will prepare an inventory of key equipment at the chemical weapons production facility. When the facility is destroyed, the inspectors will make sure that this key equipment is also destroyed. Unlike the destruction of chemical weapons, inspectors need not be continuously on site during the destruction of chemical weapons production facilities. However, on-site instruments will have to monitor the plant continuously to ensure that the facility remains inoperative during the destruction process. Of course, inspectors will be permitted to visit the facility periodically during the destruction process.

In addition to chemical weapons and their production facilities, systematic international on-site verification would be applied to other facilities that are designated in the draft convention. The single specialized production facility envisioned by the draft convention for producing super-toxic lethal chemicals and key precursors for protective purposes would be subject to on-site verification, consisting of both on-site sensors and inspectors. Also, facilities producing the chemicals listed on Schedule C would be subject to periodic on-site verification based on a random selection of facilities. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that the chemicals produced by these facilities are not being diverted to chemical weapons purposes.

Mr. President, the issue of which verification measures are to be applied to chemicals of types listed on Schedule C and those produced by the single specialized production facility is one of the important unresolved verification issues. The United States and Western delegations have proposed methods for verifying that such chemicals are not being used in a manner prohibited by the draft convention. However, other delegations have neither responded to these proposals in detail nor made their own comprehensive proposals on how to deal with such chemicals. This issue of verification of "non-production" can be resolved only if these delegations actively participate in exchanges of views on this important matter, so that a mutually acceptable solution can be negotiated in this body. I hope those delegations will soon make their positions known on this important issue.

There are a great many detailed, technical provisions that need to be negotiated in order to implement systematic international on-site verification. Annex II of the United States draft convention contains an outline of the verification regime. For example, to ensure that inspectors can effectively perform their functions, they need to be granted specific privileges and immunities. Inspectors should be granted entry visas promptly. Although a party subject to an inspection has the right to have its representatives accompany the inspection team, these representatives must be ready to accompany the