

(Mr. Naumov, USSR)

However, the Soviet delegation has now asked the floor not so much to give its opinion of the results of work on the prohibition of chemical weapons in 1984, as to correct an omission which has appeared in the report, due to the atmosphere in which the last meeting of the Committee took place yesterday afternoon. I am referring to Annex III of the Report of the Committee to the Conference on Disarmament, which reflects the positions of individual delegations or groups of delegations. One of the documents contained in the Annex indicates one of the positions presented in the negotiations from A to Z, so to speak, covering all aspects of the future convention. With regard to the other document contained in Annex III, reflecting the other position and also tabled for consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, i.e. document CD/294, in section III, dealing among other things with the Consultative Committee, this omission has occurred on page 7 of the English text. In paragraph 3 of the subsection in question it is stated: "Other questions relating to the organization and procedures of the Consultative Committee, its possible subsidiary bodies, their functions, rights, duties and methods of work, its role in on-site inspections, forms of co-operation with national verification organizations and other matters are to be elaborated." Thus, document CD/294 sets forth the position as it existed when this document was submitted. A somewhat different situation now exists, and there is the document of a Group of Socialist States which was submitted here in the Conference, containing their position on the whole range of issues which I have just quoted from document CD/294. Consequently, without this document Annex III would not fully reflect the real state of affairs. The Soviet delegation therefore considers that it would be correct to include that document in Annex III, as indeed it intended to do yesterday when the relevant proposals were submitted, but it was subsequently overlooked. We consider that the inclusion of this document in Annex III would complement the report with regard to an aspect not elucidated in it, and from every standpoint this would be a fair and correct solution to the problem. We therefore submit this proposal for consideration by the Conference.

Mr. EKEUS (Sweden): Mr. President, the proposal of the Soviet Union has been the subject of informal consultations by my delegation today and I have been informed that it appears from those consultations that there are no objections to the proposal of the representative of the Soviet Union. I would therefore propose that this additional arrangement be made with regard to Annex III, so that the document quoted, CD/532, will accordingly be reflected in Annex III.

Mr. MIKULAK (United States of America): Mr. President, we too are gratified to see that the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons has successfully produced a report. Up to the last minute there was, I think, some doubt about it and I think we owe a lot to the skill of the Chairman and the initiative, which finally succeeded, taken by the delegation of France. My delegation expresses its very strong appreciation for the very constructive proposal and the skill of the Chairman in bringing it to fruition.

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