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others. We find it important to discuss details of those issues in order to solve verification problems and draft a consistent text. It is hoped that the chairmen's laudable initiatives will bring about further progress.

The national trial inspections have been very useful in drafting a realistic convention and raising awareness of the convention among those concerned in capitals. As a follow-on to the report on its trial inspection, Japan has already submitted a working paper on initial visits and "step-by-step inspections". Based on the results of national trial inspections, the Ad hoc Committee should continue to follow up this useful exercise in appropriate ways.

The "pattern of verification" is an issue of basic importance to the CW convention. If we go into detailed discussions with no common understanding on a basic framework of verification, we may well be faced with more confusion. In this context, I very much appreciate Ambassador Morel's serious efforts in trying to find some common understanding on challenge inspection.

Working Group 4 has worked steadily since the spring session so as to compile the annex on chemicals. When we discuss the schedules and guidelines under article VI, we should strike a proper balance between the risk to the purposes of the convention and the necessity to make effective and efficient use of the limited resources of the technical secretariat. Though it is easily forgotten in detailed discussions, we also need to note the basic difference between schedule 1 chemicals, which are in principle banned, and those in schedules 2 and 3, which are permitted for production, consumption, etc., under appropriate controls. We still find it necessary to continue detailed study with respect to specific problems. But I greatly appreciate the chairmen's initiatives based upon technical and expert knowledge, which have enabled the Committee to make important progress in the areas under study by the Group, including the annex on chemicals.

I would also like to add that, thanks to the serious efforts of the chairmen, we were also able to deepen our discussions and produce some tangible results in other working groups. To name a few, my delegation thinks that important work has been done with respect to amendment sanctions and others in Group 2, article VIII, article VII and others in Group 3, and article X, the preparation period and others in Group 5.

As was emphasized in the Declaration of the Paris Conference, it is imperative that the CW Convention should be global. We heartily welcome the increased participation in the CW negotiations by States not members of the Conference. As we agreed in Paris, any State wishing to contribute to the negotiations should be able to do so.