

(Mr. Rose, German Democratic Republic)

Our determination to prohibit chemical weapons once and for all was demonstrated by our concrete contribution to the activities of the Conference. We welcome the progress the Committee made this year under the chairmanship and able guidance of Ambassador Turbanski of Poland. Thanks to his great personal devotion and professional skills the negotiating process reached a new stage. This is reflected in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to the Conference. We congratulate Ambassador Turbanski wholeheartedly on these positive achievements.

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Mr. QIAN JIADONG (China)

During the spring part of the session, people were rather optimistic about the negotiations on the prohibition of chemical weapons, cherishing the hope that substantial progress would be achieved on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Geneva Protocol. Unfortunately, polemics and mutual charges on the issue of binary weapons during the summer part of the session cast dark shadows over the Conference. In spite of the tireless efforts made by Ambassador Turbanski, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, and the co-ordinators, as well as the various proposals put forward by the Chinese and many other delegations, little progress was achieved. On such vital issues as definition and verification, differences of opinion could hardly be ironed out. We appreciate Ambassador Turbanski's readiness to carry on consultations after the end of the current session. We shall be happy to exchange views with him during the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly, if possible.