

(The President)

With regard to the other items of the agenda where the Conference has established subsidiary bodies, I am sure that progress is being made by the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons under the able chairmanship of Ambassador Ekéus of Sweden. Concerning the finalization of the draft Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament (CPD) for submission to the resumed forty-first session of the General Assembly, I hope that what has been achieved so far will be preserved and enhanced under the capable and dedicated chairmanship of Ambassador García Robles. The Ad hoc Committee on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, chaired by Ambassador Pugliese of Italy, the Ad hoc Committee on Negative Security Assurances, chaired by Ambassador von Stülpnagel of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Ad hoc Committee on Radiological Weapons, chaired by Ambassador Meiszter, the representative of Hungary, will, I hope, succeed in their specially difficult task of harmonizing the various positions.

That concludes my statement.