

(Mr. Turbanski, Poland)

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 Before I finish I would like to make a short remark on another item of special interest to my delegation, chemical weapons. It has been so far the most advanced piece of work done by the Conference. We are very glad to see the evident progress already achieved during this session.

The recent proposals of the Soviet Union are of great significance to our work. They open new avenues for making headway, clearly demonstrating the constructiveness of the Soviet approach and decisiveness to bring our work to a prompt and successful end. However, a similar approach is urgently needed on the part of others too, and we would like to see it coming.

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(The President)

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 The Conference had also to consider organizational arrangements for the substantive items on the agenda. We were able to re-establish at the 2nd plenary meeting during the first week after the opening of the session the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, appoint an able Chairman, Ambassador Ekéus of Sweden, for that subsidiary body and continue the negotiating process on that agenda item. During the second week we have also been able to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on item 6, entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" and on item 7 "Radiological Weapons". Today, after intensive consultations during the past week, we have also been able to reach agreement on the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, under agenda item 5. Consultations are proceeding for the appointment of their Chairmen. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament has also resumed its work under the Chairmanship of Ambassador García Robles of Mexico, who has been leading that Committee with his well-known diplomatic competence. The Conference is also engaged in intensive consultations with a view to starting, as soon as possible, substantive work on other items on the agenda. Those consultations show an approximation of positions on organizational arrangements for some of those items. It will be up to my successor to continue those consultations and hopefully to succeed in consolidating agreement on those organizational questions.