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some of the instrumentation call for thorough knowledge of the operation of the instrument that is used for the analysis. In the case of facility-owned equipment, the inspectors would have to rely on the facility personnel to perform these analyses without being able to verify the validity of the results. The same problems would arise if the samples were to be analysed only in a laboratory within the State party, even in the presence of the inspectors. Therefore further work should be done to prepare a procedure by which samples can be sent to other laboratories of the Organization, taking due account of the confidentiality aspects.

Thirdly, there was further indication that monitoring the absence of listed compounds is feasible without the need to identify fully the composition of the samples. This constitutes a rapid and non-intrusive verification method which reduces the risk of undue disclosure of technologically or commercially sensitive information. The prerequisite for its functioning is the recording of the identification data of all the listed chemicals in an analytical verification data base for the future Technical Secretariat. The Finnish verification project has been working on this data base for the last two years, and we will report on its progress during the summer session in the form of a new volume of the Finnish "blue books".

At this point, I wish to repeat and reaffirm what I said back before the United Nations General Assembly and at the Paris Conference in January: the German Democratic Republic has no chemical weapons, nor has it any weapons of other States stationed on its territory. It is neither engaged in the development of chemical weapons nor does it have the equipment for their production. The German Democratic Republic is ready to join a chemical weapons convention immediately after its conclusion. Let us make 1985 the decisive year in the drive for a ban on chemical weapons. Chemistry in the service of life and not of death should be everyone's watchword.

There is no doubt that a convention banning chemical weapons would also stimulate further global disarmament measures. This applies in particular to the nuclear field. Independently, Soviet-American negotiations play an outstanding role in that area. We advocate the early conclusion of a treaty