

(Mr. Yamada, Japan)

find short cuts to other important items on our agenda, including the nuclear test ban. But I do believe, as you do, Mr. President, that disarmament is a continuing process, and I am confident that we can make it work with determined and persistent efforts.

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The PRESIDENT: As you will recall, immediately following this plenary, we will hold an informal meeting to continue the discussion on the question of the improved and effective functioning of the Conference. As there is no other business for today, I now intend to adjourn this meeting. Before doing so, I wish to inform you, at the request of the Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, Ambassador Sujka, that an informal meeting of the Ad hoc Committee will be held today at 4.30 p.m. in room III. The meeting will be followed by open-ended consultations on trial inspections in the chemical industry in order to test procedures for systematic verification of the non-production of chemical weapons.

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(Mr. Ri, Democratic People's Republic of Korea)

The Governments and peoples of all countries want to see the convention banning chemical weapons, which has been the subject of discussion for several years in the Conference on Disarmament, concluded this year. Our people, which was the first victim of chemical weapons in the world after the Second World War, regards the conclusion of the convention as a problem that is ripe for solution, and impatiently expects from this Conference a legal instrument that will make it possible to put an end once and for all to the horror of chemical warfare on Earth.