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... As I have already said, it does not fall within the purview of this body to examine details of negotiations concerning the implementation of resolution 598, but it is clear that the Iranian Minister has sought to take advantage of this forum solely for purposes of propaganda and in a desperate attempt to raise the question of chemical weapons in the usual misleading Iranian manner. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iran seems to forget his Government's intensive endeavours to purchase weapons, including chemical weapons by all legal and illegal means, and the international information media are still talking about the scandals concerning the smuggling of chemical substances in which the Iranian régime was involved. In the most recent scandal, substances smuggled from a European country were seized in a port in the Arabian Gulf. The country concerned expelled the Iranian diplomats involved in these contraband operations. On this point, I should like to remind everyone that Iran was condemned for having used chemical weapons in the Iran-Iraq war, as can be seen from the reports of the Secretary-General of the United Nations referred to by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iran. He selected extracts to use for his own propaganda purposes and set aside everything that condemned his régime. These are the methods of equivocation and prevarication which have become a well-known behavioural characteristic of the Iranian régime. The Iranian Minister's

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