

(Mr. Dolgu, Romania)

... On the prohibition and destruction of chemical weapons, Romania submits the following proposals:

In the light of the interdependence between chemical weapons and nuclear weapons, the development and implementation of the convention on the elimination of chemical weapons should be carried out at the same time as the development and implementation of a universal treaty on the prohibition and the complete stage-by-stage elimination of nuclear weapons;

The future convention on the prohibition and elimination of chemical weapons and the agreed verification measures should in no way affect the development of the chemical industry or the technical and scientific potential of each and every country, or their use for economic and social progress;

The guaranteeing of the broadest possible access by all countries to the achievements of modern science and technology, and the promotion of peaceful co-operation in the chemical field;

Pending the destruction of all chemical weapons, chemical-weapon States should undertake not to make any use of these arms in any circumstances.

(Ms. Sinegiorgis, Ethiopia)

... Moreover, the Paris Conference on the prohibition of chemical weapons which took place from 7 to 11 January 1989 was a reaffirmation of the universal political will to ban chemical weapons. The Final Declaration, which was unanimously adopted, should serve as a clarion call for the speedy conclusion of the long-awaited convention.