

(Mr. Batsanov, Russian Federation)

race in outer space", we see that it starts with the words "The list of documents". And I would simply like to ask: what is the difference here? Let the secretariat enlighten us about that. Similarly, paragraph 79 on page 32 of the English version also contains a sentence beginning with the words "The list of documents". If we look at the report CD/1170, we will see in the section on documentation, paragraph 5 starts with the words "During the 1992 session, the following official documents ...". So, briefly, my question is: why is the wording of this paragraph different from the wording of other corresponding paragraphs? And I wish to put that question. Subsequently, on paragraph 73, I have no particular comments. I simply think that here it will be necessary to put into effect the decision we recently adopted, fill in the gaps and say that today we adopted this report (the report of the Ad Hoc Committee). As for paragraph 74, I too do have a specific question about the duplication of the same document in the same report of the Conference on Disarmament. And in any case I don't understand the reference to paragraph 73.42. As for the last sentence, I have no objection to it (the last sentence in paragraph 74).

The PRESIDENT (translated from French): I thank Mr. Batsanov - we will try to answer his questions on the list of the documents, as well as the reasons for the present wording of paragraph 74. In fact, Ambassador Berasategui would like to shed the fullest possible light on this, so he has the floor.

Mr. BERASATEGUI (Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations): I hope I will be able to do it. The first point raised by Ambassador Batsanov concerns the use of the words "the list of new documents" and the reasons for the difference with paragraph 75 and other paragraphs in the report. In fact, it is exactly the same thing. When we say new documents, we mean documents submitted during 1992, while if you look for example at paragraph 75, it says "the list of documents presented to the Conference during its 1992 session" - that makes the difference. It is simply a drafting arrangement which we have been following for a number of years and has no other consequence.

The second point on paragraph 73 - yes, you are absolutely right: this is a technical text which is introduced in the report, so that once the report of the Ad Hoc Committee is adopted, we place it here.

The third point which you have raised concerns paragraph 74. Here, we are referring to paragraph 42 of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons. This paragraph 42 states: "The results of the negotiations on the draft convention are reflected in the appendix to this report ...", and since the report of the Ad Hoc Committee will appear in paragraph 73 for identification purposes, it is necessary to indicate 73.42. The sense of the sentence is not to repeat the appendix to the CW report, but simply to move it as an appendix to the annual report of the Conference to the General Assembly. We thought that this was a matter-of-fact operation for a number of reasons. First of all, because it has always been the practice of the negotiating body to transmit the agreements reached here to the General Assembly as appendices to the annual report. Every case has followed this precedent. The second point that I wish to make in this connection is that this practice has not