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the provisions of the convention should be given particular emphasis so that the convention has, in the first place, a pledge to protect mankind from suffering, death and other forms of mass destruction caused by the use of such horrific weapons. The idea of implementing assistance measures through the decisions of an organ which operates on a non-daily basis could impede the urgent adoption of measures to secure lives.

On this agenda item, intensive negotiation is currently being undertaken within the framework of the five working groups, and problems involved in issues of verification, amendments, organs of the organization, national implementation measures, lists of chemicals, undiminished security during the destruction period and assistance, as well as protection against chemical weapons, are being intensively considered. In my delegation's view, the success or failure of these exercises can be duly judged in the summer session when the Ad hoc Committee reaches consensus on translating its work into treaty language.