

(Mr. Elaraby, Egypt)

My delegation participated in the meeting of industrial experts held on 22 July, and is of the opinion that such meetings are of major importance and have positive effects on the process of drafting of a convention to ban chemical weapons. I seize this opportunity to thank the Swedish delegation for the very able manner in which they moderated the meeting in order to accomplish so much in a very short time. We hope that this meeting will be the first of a series of such meaningful meetings.

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(Mr. Varga, Hungary)

My delegation is not alone in according high priority to the negotiations on the prohibition of chemical weapons. I would like to express my delegation's appreciation to Ambassador Sujka of Poland, Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons, for his efforts and innovative guidance given to the work of the Committee. My delegation is following with great interest the preparatory work for the trial inspection experiment in the informal group led by Ambassador Ekéus of Sweden. The successful completion of the trial inspection experiments by the interested States will hopefully contribute a considerable amount of practical experience in the verification of the non-production of chemical weapons. This in its turn will facilitate the final clarification of the remaining issues in this field.

Our interest in the preparations for the trial inspection experiment also testifies to the fact that the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic continues to attach the greatest importance to the earliest possible conclusion of a convention on the complete and comprehensive prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons for all States without exception, as has just been wisely pointed out by the distinguished Ambassador of Egypt, Mr. Elaraby, in his statement. With a view to the possibly early conclusion of the convention, our authorities have conducted a thorough review of the position of the Hungarian chemical industry vis-à-vis the convention. As a result of that review, and in order to promote

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