

(Mr. Romero, Chile)

"Another important dimension is that relating to the multilateral convention on chemical weapons which is being negotiated in the Geneva Conference on Disarmament and which unquestionably represents the most important international effort in the matter of disarmament and a significant contribution to the protection of the global environment. In that connection, it will be recalled that Foreign Minister Silva Cimma, along with his colleagues from Argentina and Brazil, signed the Mendoza Agreement, subsequently joined by the other Latin American States before and during the Presidential Summit of the Rio Group at Cartagena. At present, we are finalizing with Argentina and Brazil the contribution which the three countries can make to the procedures of verification and implementation of the future convention in keeping with the position taken in the Mendoza Agreement.

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(Mr. Shannon, Canada)

... Now may I turn to the documents we have requested be circulated? First, there is our traditional annual compendium relating to the past year's work on the CWC. This is in three volumes, one covering the procès-verbal and two covering the working papers. It is being distributed as a formal CD document. I should express my hope that this will be the last set of such documents relating to the CWC negotiations that Canada will produce. We are now in the final phase of this long-drawn-out task, and such changes to the "rolling text" as may be developed during this 1992 CD session will in the end be incorporated in the CW convention itself. And even if, contrary to all our shared hopes and expectations, we do not manage to finish our task during this CD session, we presumably will be close enough to that goal no longer to require the sort of detailed record in easily accessible form of our ongoing and past work which these annual compendiums comprise.