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register consensus and include the new text in the draft Convention. I have, however, good reason to believe that this will prove possible before too long. This being done, all the major political questions pertaining to existing chemical weapons will be in place.

Continuing negotiations during the inter-sessional period also covered the various issues pertaining to future non-production of chemical weapons, i.e. in particular, article VI and its annexes. The politically, as well as technically, painstaking search for solutions and compromises continued in good spirit. Further progress was registered, resulting in a revision of considerable parts of the annexes relating to article VI of the draft Convention. Furthermore, in appendix II you will find what I believe to be a useful report on how to define "production capacity", which is the result of consultations between technical experts.

The outstanding issues in the area of future non-production of chemical weapons require that delegations devote more time and effort to the questions involved, while keeping in mind the need for a balance between security concerns and other national and international interests. With most of the directly military elements of the Convention in place, the so-called industrial questions now require particular attention.

The same goes for article VIII, dealing with the international organization to be established for the implementation of the Convention. After having been put on the back burner for some time, this issue re-emerged in focus during the inter-sessional period, with detailed work being done on the powers, functions and interrelationship of the various organs of the international organization. The state of affairs has been registered in a new text of article VIII which is included in the "rolling text". More work is needed on the various aspects involved, but judging from past weeks, it now appears that delegations have developed a much clearer perception of what kind of organization they wish to create. This augurs well for the remaining tasks. In this context I also wish to mention that work continued at the expert level on the elaboration of various models for agreements to be entered into with the international organization, concerning activities at specific facilities. Two new such models have been included in appendix II for further consideration by delegations.

Under article IX work continued on the major outstanding question, challenge inspection. Following the major political advances made during the summer, the consultations during the inter-sessional period were aimed at transforming this progress into concrete practical solutions and translating agreements reached into treaty language. Although well under way, this process requires some further compromises before it can be completed, in particular as regards the procedures to be followed after the completion of an on-site inspection on challenge. The present state of affairs, as I see it, is reflected in appendix II.