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We hope that our paper will contribute to finalizing expeditiously the provisions on non-production in the "rolling text". In our view it should help to resolve some of the problems which have arisen in the context of article VI, for which we have so far not been able to work out solutions acceptable to all. In this regard I am thinking particularly of the STLC problem which has been debated for a considerable time and on which differences persist. Today's remarks in the Conference seem, in part, to confirm this view. Ad hoc checks could offer a solution to this problem, and thus help to overcome the deadlock on it in the negotiations. Admittedly ad hoc checks, due to their very nature, may not be the answer to all questions which have been raised with regard to the verification requirements of an effective convention. Therefore, I believe that all concerns in this connection warrant our close attention.

In conclusion I would like to express my satisfaction at the prospect of inter-sessional work starting on 29 November this year. We should make the best possible use of the time available during the agreed inter-sessional period. Indeed, I believe that we should not use the inter-sessionals merely to continue our work along the familiar lines. Rather, we might think of focusing our attention on the few specific items we have agreed to deal with during that period. It should be possible as a result of intensive work to make considerable headway on these issues. The Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee, Ambassador Sujka, will be able to count on the full and active co-operation and support of my delegation.