

Mr. KOMATINA (Secretary-General of the Conference and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations): The message of the Secretary-General to the Conference on Disarmament reads as follows: . . .

Nineteen eighty-six also recorded some progress in multilateral forums. The agreement in Stockholm, the two Conventions concluded in Vienna under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the successful conclusion of the Biological Weapons Review Conference and the progress made by the Conference on Disarmament in elaborating the chemical weapons ban are noteworthy examples of a constructive approach towards the issues of disarmament and international security.

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Your negotiations on a global chemical weapons ban have now reached a crucial stage and assumed a growing sense of urgency in the light of present realities. Elements for early success in your negotiations are not wanting. What is needed is the manifestation of a genuine willingness to make the necessary political compromises which would facilitate the conclusion of a convention even this year.