

(Mr. Sola Vila, Cuba)

Before concluding, I should like to introduce the document which we have made available to all delegations and transmitted to the secretariat for distribution as an official document, with a view to contributing to this Committee's work on the subject of chemical weapons -- the text in question will be or is being issued as document CD/349.

This document contains the report of the International Symposium on Herbicides and Defoliants in War, which was held in Ho Chi Minh City from 15 to 20 January this year with the participation of 160 scientists from 21 countries, including Cuba.

The conclusions of the report as regards what was essentially a chemical war waged with herbicides and defoliants in Viet Nam between 1961 and 1975 are of particular interest.