

(Mr. Negrotto Cambiasco, Italy)

accomplishment of our work. The Italian delegation is inspired by the speed and the concrete nature of the bilateral CW negotiations. They benefit from the existence of a political deadline, but also from a different structuring of meetings, similar to that which was adopted in Vienna. We wonder whether we could not try to do the same ourselves, beginning with the chemical weapons negotiations. Shorter sessions would enable us to cope better with the requirements of such complex negotiations. I will simply add that my country would be willing to consider the adoption of a division of work into four annual sessions, within as short a period of time as possible.

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Mr. BENHIMA (Morocco) (translated from French):

... The Conference's resolute involvement in the elaboration of a convention on the complete prohibition of chemical weapons proves that this objective is within our reach. It is encouraging to note the substantial progress made last year on certain fundamental issues relating to the future convention. In this context I would like to pay tribute to the excellent work done by the Ad hoc Committee under the skilful and dynamic chairmanship of Ambassador Pierre Morel. I hope that under the competent guidance of

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