

KEY COMPONENT

FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNEX ON IMPLEMENTATION AND VERIFICATION

"Key component of binary or multicomponent chemical systems for chemical weapons" means a component which poses a special risk to the objectives of the convention as it can be an integral part in a chemical weapons munition or device and can form toxic chemicals at the moment of their employment and possesses the following characteristics:

- (a) reacts (interacts) rapidly with other component(s) of binary or multicomponent chemical system during the munitions's flight to the target and gives a high yield of final toxic chemical;
- (b) plays an important role in determining the toxic properties of the final product;
- (c) may not be used, or be used only in minimal quantities, for permitted purposes;
- (d) possesses the stability necessary for long-term storage.