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Working Paper on the question of chemical warfare agents  
to be prohibited by the Convention on the Prohibition  
of Chemical Weapons

The draft convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons (CCD/420), submitted by the Japanese delegation on 30 April 1974, provides for a comprehensive ban in Article I (a) using purpose criteria on "chemical warfare agents of types and in quantities that have no justification for protective or other peaceful purposes", while limiting the ban initially, by virtue of Article IV and Annex I, to those CWAs (chemical warfare agents) for which verification measures are assured. Those CWAs which are initially left out of the ban would be reduced by stages until a comprehensive ban will be eventually realized.

Furthermore, Japan suggested in Annex I of the draft convention a "table A" on CWAs to be excluded tentatively from the prohibition and a "table B" on CWAs to be prohibited from the outset. Since then, a variety of comments have been made on Annex I by the delegations of Canada, Iran and Sweden. Taking these comments into consideration, an attempt has been made in this paper to visualize the whole range of CWAs by classifying them into CWAs which should be prohibited, CWAs to be prohibited from the beginning and CWAs tentatively excluded from prohibition at the outset, with a view to facilitating the conclusion of the convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons. It is to be clearly understood that the mention "CWAs of types and in quantities" in Article I (a) of the draft convention should now read "CWAs of types and/or in quantities".

1. Separation of CWAs to be prohibited from among chemical substances.

When viewed from the need of separating CWAs from among chemical substances, chemical substances can be divided into four groups, namely: (1) single-purpose chemical warfare agents (SPWA); (2) dual purpose chemical agents for either military or peaceful uses (DPWA); (3) chemical substances only for peaceful use (CCFP) and (4) chemical substances that may be discovered or made known in the future (CCUK) (these are included in each of (1), (2) and (3)).

When viewed from the angle of grouping together those to be prohibited, chemical substances are classified into (a) CWAs to be prohibited and (b) other chemical substances.