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Provision of data relevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention

1. Introduction

As the date for completion of the negotiations on chemical weapons approaches, the provision of data relevant to the Convention is regarded as increasingly vital for setting up the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

France presents hereunder information concerning the manufacture and use of the chemicals listed in schedules 1, 2 and 3.

2. Method of collection of information concerning the chemicals industry

The Union des Industries chimiques was requested to conduct a survey of the some 1,200 companies members of the Union, which represents the entire French chemicals industry. The information obtained reflects the situation in the industry in mid-1991.

The information was provided on a voluntary basis and therefore it cannot be guaranteed to be absolutely complete. Nevertheless, the data obtained are deemed to be sufficiently exact and comprehensive to meet the requirements.

Schedules of chemicals 1, 2 and 3 in document CD/1046 of 18 January 1991 were used as the basis for collection of these data.

3. Information concerning uses for protective purposes

The present aggregate production situation is shown in appendix 1.

Chemicals listed in schedule 1 are produced for defence research and protective purposes in a small-scale production facility whose maximum total capacity is 300 kg/year.