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Issues to be dealt with in the negotiation on a Convention on  
Chemical Weapons

The Swedish delegation presents below views on some matters mentioned in document CD/26. Additional and more detailed views will be submitted in due time.

1. Introduction

The ultimate objective of the CD negotiations on chemical weapons is to prohibit the acquisition and retention of a chemical warfare capability through a convention which also provides for effective measures to ensure the implementation and verification of such a prohibition.

2. Scope of ban

The ban should be comprehensive. Thus parties to the convention should undertake not to acquire or retain a chemical warfare capability, i.e. any activity, facility and material intended to enable the utilization of the toxic properties of chemical substances as agents against man, animal or plant for hostile purposes or in armed conflict. Exceptions should be allowed for activities, facilities and materials intended for peaceful purposes, including some measures of military nature and measures for protection against chemical warfare.

Each party to the convention in possession of a chemical warfare capability should undertake to dispose of it when adhering to the convention. With disposal of a chemical warfare capability is understood the cessation of all activities to acquire or retain it, and destruction or conversion for peaceful purposes of all facilities, equipment and materials.