

Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating,  
Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of  
Warfare.

Geneva, June 17, 1925.

PROTOCOL.

THE undersigned Plenipotentiaries, in the name of their respective Govern-  
ments:

Whereas the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases, and of  
all analogous liquids, materials or devices, has been justly condemned by the  
general opinion of the civilised world; and

Whereas the prohibition of such use has been declared in Treaties to which  
the majority of Powers of the world are Parties; and

To the end that this prohibition shall be universally accepted as a part of  
International Law, binding alike the conscience and the practice of nations;

DECLARE:

*That the High Contracting Parties, so far as they are not already  
Parties to Treaties prohibiting such use, accept this prohibition, agree to  
extend this prohibition to the use of bacteriological methods of warfare and  
agree to be bound as between themselves according to the terms of this  
declaration.*

The High Contracting Parties will exert every effort to induce other States  
to accede to the present Protocol. Such accession will be notified to the Govern-  
ment of the French Republic, and by the latter to all signatory and acceding  
Powers, and will take effect on the date of the notification by the Government  
of the French Republic.

The present Protocol, of which the French and English texts are both  
authentic, shall be ratified as soon as possible. It shall bear to-day's date.

The ratifications of the present Protocol shall be addressed to the Govern-  
ment of the French Republic, which will at once notify the deposit of such  
ratifications to each of the signatory and acceding Powers.

The instruments of ratification of and accession to the present Protocol  
will remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the French Republic.

The present Protocol will come into force for each signatory Power as from  
the date of deposit of its ratification, and, from that moment, each Power will  
be bound as regards other Powers which have already deposited their ratifi-  
cations.