

G. Report of the Co-ordinator of the Contact Group on the Preamble and Final Clauses of the future Chemical Weapons Convention

PREAMBLE

Concepts

- (i) Bringing about general and complete disarmament
- (ii) CW ban as a necessary disarmament step
- (iii) Prohibition on CW use (repugnant to the conscience of mankind)
- (iv) Strengthening peaceful co-operation in scientific fields
- (v) BW Convention undertaking on CW negotiations
- (vi) Recognizing significance of 1925 Protocol and BW Convention
- (vii) Charter of the United Nations
- (viii) CW convention important for social and economic development

Options

- chemistry for the benefit of mankind
- minimization of economic damage and unnecessary interference with peaceful chemical industry
- principle of non-diminished security (at lower levels of armaments)

ELEMENT VII - RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER TREATIES

Concepts

No limiting or detracting from the obligations assumed under 1925 Protocol or any other international treaties.

Options

- specific reference to obligations under Biological Weapons Convention
- specific reference to obligations under MEMOD
- possibility of linking CW convention to 1925 Protocol.

ELEMENT VIII - INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Concepts

- (i) Avoidance of hampering international co-operation in peaceful and protective chemical activities;
- (ii) Undertaking to facilitate, promote and participate in exchange of materials and information
- (iii) Undertaking to allocate any savings as a result of CW Convention

Options

- facilitate international co-operation in peaceful chemical activities
- participate in fullest possible exchange (including co-operation on training and equipping with protective measures)
- undertaking to assist other Parties on request.