

2. The convention for the prohibition of chemical weapons should also provide for limitations and dispositions regarding dual-purpose plants. There may be plants which have been designed and built originally for the purpose of producing chemical warfare agents, but during peace time are producing products for civilian use. In such cases, the entire dual-purpose plants or some of their units should be dismantled, if they or their units are identified as production facilities for chemical warfare agents, regardless whether they are engaged or not actually in producing chemical warfare agents, whether they are independent plants for the production of chemical warfare agents or just units producing chemical warfare agents in a large chemical complex. This is because the facilities and conditions of these plants exist to meet the requirement of producing chemical warfare agents, and they are ready to produce them at any time. If these plants produce products of civilian use, this might be a camouflage to cover up the production of chemical warfare agents or intended to make use of surplus production capacity of these plants. If such conversion is permitted, it will legalize these dual-purpose activities and thus offer an opportunity to the violators of the convention.

3. The convention for the prohibition of chemical weapons should pay special attention to the problem of dismantling the munition-filling facilities for the manufacture of chemical weapons. This is because of the fact that although the chemical warfare agents constitute the nucleus and the basis of the three components of chemical weapons, namely: chemical warfare agents munition and launching system, yet to make these agents weapons usable in warfare, it is necessary to fill them into munitions which are capable of dispersing them into combat state. This is a salient feature, the presence or the absence of which determines whether a dual-purpose substance is being used for military purpose. These munition filling facilities are very often specifically designed. It is difficult to convert them to peaceful uses. Therefore, all these facilities should be totally dismantled and strict verification should be applied to their dismantling.