" REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE CONTACT GROUP ON ELEMENT V
(DESTRUCTION, DIVERSION, DISMANTLING AND CONVERSION)

"A - DESTRUCTION OF STOCKS:

    I - ARTICLE: Agreed sub-elements to be included

        (a) general obligation to destroy all existing stocks of chemical
weapons;—*/

        (b) possibility of diversion of stocks for peaceful purposes, subject
to conditions and circumstances set forth in the Annex;

        (c) obligation to utilize sage methods of destruction that will avoid
harm to the environment and to populations;—**/

        (d) provision on international co-operation to facilitate implementation
of the Convention,—***/ including the possibility of transfer of
chemical weapons to another State Party for the purpose of destruction;

        (e) indication of the over-all duration of the process of destruction, to
be counted from the time the Convention enters into force for each
State Party (suggestion: 10 years):

            - time of start of actual destruction (alternatives):

                (i) not later than six months after the Convention enters
into force for each State Party;

                (ii) not later than two years after the Convention enters
into force for each State Party.

    Other sub-elements proposed by some Delegations:

        (a) obligation to destroy precursors that may be used for binary weapons;—*/

        (b) placement of all stocks under international supervision at the time
the Convention enters into force for each State Party;

        (c) obligation to utilize methods of destruction that permit adequate
verification.

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    */ Suggested addition: "This includes all items defined as 'chemical weapons',
including all types of precursors". If under the Element "Definitions", all
precursors fall within the definition of "chemical weapons", this addition would
render unnecessary the proposed sub-element (a) for the Article.

    **/ This obligation could be stated in a separate Article applying to the
destruction of both stocks and facilities.

    ***/ This provision could be stated in an appropriate place so as to apply
both to the destruction of stocks and of facilities.