

X. ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS 1/

XI. ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT 1/

XII. RELATION TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS 2/

Nothing in this Convention will be interpreted as in any way impairing the obligations assumed under the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925 and in the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, signed at London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April 1972.

XIII. AMENDMENTS 2/

XIV. DURATION AND WITHDRAWAL 3/

1. This Convention shall be of unlimited duration.
2. Each State Party to this Convention shall, in exercising its national sovereignty, have the right to withdraw from the Convention if it decides that extraordinary events, related to the subject matter of the Convention, have jeopardized the supreme interests of its country. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to all other States Parties to the Convention and the (United Nations Security Council) (Depositary) three months in advance. 4/ Such notice shall include a statement of the extraordinary events it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.

The withdrawal of a State Party from this Convention shall not in any way affect the duty of States to continue fulfilling the obligations assumed under any relevant rules of international law, particularly the Geneva Protocol of 17 June 1925.

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1/ Work on this Article continued. With the aim of facilitating further consideration of the issues involved, the text reflecting the current stage of discussion is included in Appendix II.

2/ During the 1989 session, work on this Article was continued. With the aim of facilitating further consideration of the issues involved, the text reflecting the current stage of discussion is included in Appendix II.

3/ A view was expressed that the withdrawal of any State Party shall not affect its obligations under Article I of this Convention.

4/ A view was expressed that the question of possibly setting different periods for the purpose of different circumstances relating to withdrawal, instead of a single period, requires further consideration.