

- (5) ////////////// "Visibility line" = the approximate time range during which a certain activity cannot be kept secret any longer.

Comments:

It is clear from the table that banning only development, production and stockpiling would permit some of the most important activities necessary for attaining a capability to use chemical weapons. States already in possession of such a capability would in fact suffer only a minor setback of this ability since, due to previous experiences, they would most probably be able to delay a chemical weapons production until very late, perhaps only $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 years before they wished to be able to use chemical weapons. Regarding verification of such a ban, see Annexes II and III.