
Ad hoc Committee on
Chemical Weapons

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The order of destruction of chemical weapons stocks

The destruction of chemical weapons is one of the main objectives of the multilateral Convention on the complete and effective prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons and on their destruction.

Accordingly, this issue is being given priority attention in the negotiations.

In its working paper CD/CW/WP.162 of 7 April 1987, the delegation of Mongolia submitted proposals aimed at finding a mutually acceptable solution. Taking into account the progress achieved in this regard in the negotiations, it now submits for discussion a further elaboration of its proposals.

In the efforts to reach the goal of the final elimination of chemical weapons provision must be made for the complete destruction of stocks and the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of such weapons. At the same time, a principle as important as that of undiminished security for all States must be strictly observed during the entire period of destruction.

For that reason it is very important to devise principles and an order for the destruction of chemical weapons that will simultaneously meet all these requirements.

Many important issues related to the destruction of the stockpiles of these weapons have already been agreed upon in the negotiations. The Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons is to complete in the near future the work on the order of destruction of CW stocks. Certain prerequisites have already been created for that. It should be especially emphasized that there is general agreement, which is reflected in the draft Convention, regarding the destruction of all CW stocks by the end of the tenth year after the Convention enters into force and, as regards the fulfilment of that objective, it has