

Definition of chemical weapons

For the purposes of the Convention "chemical weapons" means:

- a) super-toxic lethal chemicals, other lethal and harmful chemicals as well as their precursors except those among them which are intended for non-hostile purposes or military purposes not involving the use of chemical weapons and of types and in quantities which are consistent with such purposes;
- b) munitions or devices, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of the chemicals released as a result of the employment of these munitions or devices, including those of binary or multicomponent filling;
- c) equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of such munitions or devices.

Other definitions

For the purposes of the Convention:

1. Definition of the terms "a super-toxic lethal chemical", "other lethal chemical", "a harmful chemical" will be made on the basis of specific criteria of toxicity (lethality and/or harmfulness) for each of these categories of chemicals (will be set in the Convention on the basis of the levels agreed upon in the Committee on Disarmament).
2. "Permitted purposes" mean non-hostile purposes and military purposes which are not connected with the use of chemical weapons.
3. "Non-hostile purposes" mean industrial, agricultural, research, medical or other peaceful purposes, law enforcement purposes or purposes directly related to protection against chemical weapons.
4. Subject to definition in the Convention are also such terms as "a chemical", "an incapacitant", "an irritant", "a precursor", "capacity", "a facility".

Prohibition of transfer

Each State Party to the Convention should undertake:

- a) not to transfer to anyone, directly or indirectly, any chemical weapons;
- b) not to transfer to anyone, directly or indirectly, except to a State Party, any super-toxic lethal chemicals, incapacitants, irritants or their precursors even for permitted purposes;