

Article XII: Relation to other international agreements

Commentary

(a) Views were expressed that Article XII is not needed. In this case the relationship between the CW Convention and other international agreements would be regulated by general rules of international law, as well as by the rules of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

(b) Some delegations are in favour of a reference to specific international agreements, i.e. the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and BW Convention.

(c) It has been suggested that a general reference to other international agreements be included.

(d) It might be possible to combine the approaches reflected in paragraphs (b) and (c) above thus having references both to specific and other unnamed international agreements.

Possible wording for Article XII

1. None.

2. Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as in any way limiting or detracting from the [obligations] [rights and obligations] assumed by any State 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 under 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.

Each Party to this Convention that is also Party to 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, affirms that the obligation set forth in paragraph 3 of Article I supplements its obligations under the Protocol.

or/and

3. This Convention shall not affect the rights and obligations of States Parties which arise from other agreements compatible with this Convention.

- or alternatively -

None of the provisions of this Convention shall suspend or modify the commitments undertaken by States Parties pursuant to other international instruments related to this Convention.