

APPENDIX IV

THE 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL (EXCERPTS)

The undersigned Plenipotentiaries, in the names of their respective governments:

Whereas the use in war of asphyxiating poisonous or other gases and of all analogous liquids, materials or devices has been justly condemned by the general opinion of the civilized world and --

Whereas the prohibition of such use has been declared in Treaties to which the majority of powers of the world are parties and --

To the end that this prohibition shall be universally accepted as a fact of international law, binding alike the conscience and the practice of nations:

Declare --

That the High Contracting Parties, so far as they are not already Parties to Treaties prohibiting such use, accept this prohibition, agree to extend this prohibition to the use of bacteriological methods of warfare and agree to be bound as between themselves according to the terms of this declaration.

The High contracting Parties will exert every effort to induce other states to accede to the present Protocol. The present Protocol will come into force for each signatory Power as from the date of deposit of its ratification, and from that moment, each Power will be bound as regards other Powers which have already deposited their ratification.