

Working Group A

CHAIRMAN'S DISCUSSION PAPER

SUPER-TOXIC LETHAL CHEMICALS THAT ARE PRODUCED IN
COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES FOR PERMITTED PURPOSES 1/ 2/

Issues of Substance

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1. The régimes 3/ should be carefully tailored to the objectives of the Convention, i.e. the effective prohibition of chemical weapons. 4/
2. Facilities producing STLCs in commercial quantities for permitted purposes 5/ should be subject to declaration, as well as monitoring through data reporting and systematic international on-site verification. 6/
3. The primary focus of verification should be the facility, the objective should be to verify that the facility is not used for production of any of the chemicals listed in Schedule [1].
4. STLCs produced in commercial quantities for permitted purposes which pose a risk of diversion for chemical weapons purposes should be 7/ carefully monitored. The objective of verification in relation to such STLCs should be to ensure that the chemicals are produced in quantities consistent with permitted purposes and are used for such purposes.

1/ It was suggested that "purposes not prohibited by the Convention" might be used throughout the paper instead of "permitted purposes".

2/ It was also suggested that the heading of this paper should be "Super-toxic lethal chemicals which do not possess qualities of chemical weapons agents and which are produced for permitted purposes".

3/ It was suggested that "measures" should be substituted for "regimes".

4/ The view was expressed that the paragraph should be preceded by "Some super-toxic lethal chemicals which are produced in commercial quantities may be relevant to a Chemical Weapons Convention". A view was also expressed that all super-toxic lethal chemicals were of relevance in connection with the Convention.

5/ It was suggested that "with a chemical weapons suitability" should be added after "permitted purposes".

6/ It was suggested that the capability of a facility to produce super-toxic lethal chemicals should also be referred to in this paragraph. Reference was also made to multipurpose facilities in this context.

7/ It was proposed that "more" be inserted before "carefully".