

Significant step in this field will be the forthcoming Paris Conference of the States Parties to the Protocol for the prohibition of the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and of bacteriological methods of warfare of 1925 and other interested countries. Guided by the desire to create favourable conditions for the conclusion of the Convention on the complete prohibition and the elimination of chemical weapons, the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic declares the following:

1. The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic does not either possess or manufacture or stockpile on its territory any chemical weapons. No facilities destined for development or manufacture of chemical weapons exist in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. Research and laboratory works conducted in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic serve exclusively purposes of protection against effects of chemical weapons and peaceful objectives.
2. The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic attaches great importance to formulation of appropriate measures for systematic monitoring of chemical industry that would ensure with absolute reliability that no chemical weapons be manufactured and supports the endeavours of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva at working out a solution to these issues. In this context the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic is ready to take part in experimental testing of agreed verification procedures.
3. In the context of multilateral exchange of data relating to the drafting of the Convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons and their destruction the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic will be willing to provide at the appropriate stage all the necessary information concerning civilian institutions producing substances to be subject to verification under the Convention.
4. Certain legal measures have been formulated in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to limit export of some dangerous dual-purpose chemicals with the view of preventing their misuse for manufacture of chemical weapons.
5. The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic is ready to become a founding State Party to the Convention on the prohibition of chemical weapons and on their destruction as soon as its drafting is completed at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic trusts that all States, for their respective parts, will make constructive efforts to achieve without delay a solution to the urgent problems of prohibition of chemical weapons and their destruction and the verification issues related thereto.