

Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating,
Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of
Warfare.

Geneva, June 17, 1925.

PROTOCOL.

THE undersigned Plenipotentiaries, in the name of their respective Govern-
ments:

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 civilised 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 part 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. Such accession will be notified to the Govern-
ment of the French Republic, and by the latter to all signatory and acceding
Powers, and will take effect on the date of the notification by the Government
of the French Republic.

The present Protocol, of which the French and English texts are both
authentic, shall be ratified as soon as possible. It shall bear to-day's date.

The ratifications of the present Protocol shall be addressed to the Govern-
ment of the French Republic, which will at once notify the deposit of such
ratifications to each of the signatory and acceding Powers.

The instruments of ratification of and accession to the present Protocol
will remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the French Republic.

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 ratifi-
cations.