

5.0 Conclusions

Following the ideas expressed in the first footnote to Appendix I (page 52) of CD/961, it is proposed that the Ad Hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons initiate a thorough review by experts of these proposed toxicity determinations and the applicable standardized operating procedures.

The review should address, inter alia, the following points:

- establishment of categories of toxicity, which should come as close as possible to generally or usually employed classification or rating schemes of toxic compounds;
- selection of route of exposure, species and strain of animals, use of solvents, method of inhalation exposure;
- impact of approval of whatever toxicity determinations and levels of toxicity are chosen, on the number of compounds that might fall under the surveillance clause;
- consideration of impact of need for additional requirements for animal testing on the public in