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BASIC PROVISIONS OF A CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION
OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

Proposal of the USSR

Chemical weapons are a barbaric means of destruction. Those weapons have already taken the lives of dozens of thousands of human beings and have maimed millions of people. At present, the threat of massive use of much more horrible types of chemical weapons is looming over mankind.

Peoples are demanding that this should be prevented and that the very possibility of the use of chemical weapons should be ruled out by prohibiting their production and by destroying accumulated stockpiles.

The Soviet Union is strongly in favour of this. True to the humane purposes of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 the USSR has never used chemical weapons anywhere, just as it has never transferred them to anyone.

Motivated by the desire to achieve a comprehensive and effective prohibition of chemical weapons the Soviet Union is submitting to UN Member States for their consideration the following basic provisions of a convention on the subject.

I. SCOPE OF PROHIBITION

General Provisions

Each State Party to the Convention should undertake never and under no circumstances to develop, produce, otherwise acquire, stockpile, retain, transfer chemical weapons, and to destroy or divert for permitted purposes accumulated stockpiles of such weapons and to destroy or dismantle facilities which provide capacities for production of chemical weapons.