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1. Arms Control Problem:

- Chemical weapons - stockpiling
- production
- destruction of stocks
- destruction of facilities

2. Verification Type:

- (a) On-site inspection - selective
- (b) Short-range sensors - seals
- (c) International control organization
- (d) International exchange of information - declarations
- (e) National self-supervision

3. Source:

France. "Chemical weapons: elimination of stocks of chemical weapons; irreversible neutralization of means of production". CD/630, 5 August 1985.

See also: - France. "Elimination of stocks and production facilities". CD/494, 3 April 1984 (see abstract C77(G84)).

4. Summary:

France proposes a ten year programme for the destruction, or reallocation to peaceful uses of chemical weapons stockpiles and production facilities under a chemical weapons convention. This would involve the elimination of stocks of chemical weapons and the liquidation of production facilities, but should be done in such a way as to preserve the security balance between states.

The first stage of the process would involve very detailed declarations of the type and amount of chemical warfare agents contained in stockpiles and the location, substance manufactured and theoretical production capacity of facilities. The location of stocks would not have to be declared at the time of entry into force of the convention so that national security would not be jeopardized. The other declarations would be made two months after the entry into force of the convention.

Once a destruction site has been established and the possible transformation of production sites into destruction facilities has been determined, a team of international inspectors would place seals on production facilities and the transformations would be carried out under international control. Parties would then establish national and international control systems and gather stocks to be destroyed at destruction sites. Parties would also declare which facilities will be converted to the manufacture of civilian products.

Two years after the entry into force of the convention, destruction and conversion would commence. France suggests the following order, based on lethality, for the destruction of stocks: