

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS AND CRITERIA

For the purpose of this convention:

1. "Chemical Weapons" means the following, together or separately:

(a) Toxic Chemicals, their precursors and key components of binary or multicomponent chemical systems, except where intended for purposes not prohibited under this Convention, as long as the types and quantities involved are consistent with such purposes;

(b) Munitions and devices, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of those toxic chemicals, as referred to above, which would be released as a result of the employment of such munitions and devices; ~~or~~

(c) Any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of such munitions or devices specified in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph.

2. "Toxic Chemical" means:

Any chemical which through its chemical action on life processes can cause death, temporary incapacitation or permanent harm to humans or animals. This includes all such chemicals, regardless of their origin or of their method of production and, regardless of whether they are produced in facilities, in munitions or elsewhere.

3. "Precursor" means:

A chemical reactant which takes part at any stage in the production by whatever method of a toxic chemical.

For the purpose of implementing this Convention, toxic chemicals and their precursors which have been identified for monitoring are listed in Schedules contained in the Annex on Chemicals.

4. (a) "Old Chemical weapons" means:

Chemical weapons which were produced before 1925, or chemical weapons produced between the period of 1925 and 1946 which have been determined by the Technical Secretariat to have deteriorated to such extent that they can no longer be used as chemical weapons.

(b) "Abandoned chemical weapons" means:

Chemical weapons, including old chemical weapons, which have been abandoned by a State after 1 January 1925 on the territory of another State without the consent of the latter.