

PREAMBLE

The States Parties to this Convention.

Determined to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, including the prohibition and elimination of all types of weapons of mass destruction.

Desiring to contribute to the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Recalling that the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization has repeatedly condemned all actions contrary to the principles and objectives of the Protocol for Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925,

Recognizing that the Convention reaffirms principles and objectives of and obligations assumed under the Geneva Protocol of 17 June 1925, and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction signed at London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April 1972.

Bearing in mind the objective contained in Article IX of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction,

Determined for the sake of all mankind, to completely exclude the possibility of the use of chemical weapons, through the implementation of the provisions of this Convention, thereby complementing the obligations assumed under the Geneva Protocol of 17 June 1925,

Considering that the achievements in the field of chemistry should be used exclusively for the benefit of mankind,

Emphasizing the need to expedite and strengthen the flow of technology and technological know-how and to ensure free-trade in the field of chemistry in order to promote development of all nations,

Convinced that the complete and effective prohibition of the development production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons, and their destruction, represents a necessary step towards the achievement of these common objective,

Have agreed as follows: