

DRAFT ELEMENTS OF VERIFICATION AND MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE
FOR A CONVENTION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS

I

Destruction, diversion, dismantling and conversion

Each State Party to this Convention undertakes to:

- (a) destroy or divert for permitted purposes its stocks of chemical weapons;
- (b) destroy or dismantle its means of production of chemical weapons.

Means of production of chemical weapons may be converted temporarily, before final destruction or dismantling, for the purpose of destroying stocks of such weapons.

The destruction, diversion and dismantling stipulated in this element shall be completed within ten years after the Convention has entered into force or a State Party, which has to fulfil these provisions, has adhered to it.

Matters concerning procedures, including notifications, in connection with what is stipulated in this element are set forth in Annex I.

II

Verification

1. Each State Party to this Convention may use national means of verification at its disposal, including national technical means, for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of and continued compliance with the provisions of this Convention, in as far as it would be consistent with generally recognized principles of international law.
2. A Consultative Committee of Experts, as provided for in Element V, shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of and continued compliance with the provisions of this Convention on behalf of the international community, and shall be authorized to conduct inspections, including on-site inspections, in order to fulfil its responsibilities.
3. Each State Party to this Convention undertakes not to impede, including through the use of deliberate concealment measures, either the national technical means of verification of other States Parties, operating in accordance with paragraph 1 of this element, or the work of the Consultative Committee of Experts.

III

Consultation and Co-operation

The States Parties to this Convention undertake to consult one another and to co-operate in solving any problems which may arise in relation to the objectives of, or in the application of the provisions of, the Convention. Consultation and co-operation pursuant to this article may also be undertaken through appropriate