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International co-operation

(1) This Convention should be implemented in a manner designed to avoid hampering the economic or technological development of States Parties to the Convention or international co-operation in the field of peaceful and protective chemical activities, including the international exchange of chemicals and equipment for the production, processing or use of chemical agents for peaceful and protective purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

(2) Each State Party to this Convention should undertake to facilitate, promote and participate in, the fullest possible exchange of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for the use of chemicals for peaceful and protective purposes consonant with the aims of this Convention.

(3) Each State Party to this Convention should undertake to allocate a substantial part of possible savings in military expenditures as a result of disarmament measures agreed upon in this Convention to economic and social development, particularly of the developing countries.

Comments

-- Some delegations considered that this element should contain categorical obligations for assistance to developing countries in training and equipping them with protective measures. A delegation further thought that a convention should include a provision for assistance to a State Party threatened with or subjected to a chemical attack.

-- Some delegations expressed concern, without questioning the importance of international co-operation measures referred to in this element, about the dangers of the transfer from one State Party to another of the technical knowledge necessary to produce chemical weapons.

-- Some delegations expressed doubts about the realism of the undertaking envisaged in paragraph 3 and suggested that it was inappropriate for inclusion in a chemical weapons convention. Others pointed out that the paragraph referred to "possible savings" and embodied a principle already accepted in other documents of the United Nations.