

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS ON SCOPE 1/ 2/

1. Each State Party undertakes not to:

- develop, produce, otherwise acquire, stockpile or retain chemical weapons, or transfer, directly or indirectly, chemical weapons to anyone.

2. Each State Party undertakes not to:

- assist, encourage or induce, in any way, anyone to engage in activities prohibited to Parties under this Convention.

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1/ One delegation pointed out, in CD/CW/WP.199 of 7 April 1988, the preoccupying effects, in its view, on the security of States deriving from the very large disproportion, during the transitional period, between existing chemical weapons capabilities. In this context, it recalled its opinion that it is necessary to provide for the possibility, for the States which wish to do so, to establish, upon entry into force of the Convention and until the end of the 10-year period, a transitory régime organizing a limited security stock which would be destroyed during the last two years. The building up and the maintenance in good condition of this stock would be ensured by one single production facility attached to it, placed under international control, and destroyed during the ninth year.

2/ Other delegations stressed that, in their view, the continuation of the production of chemical weapons after the entry into force of the Convention would have preoccupying effects from the point of view both of the spread of chemical weapons and of the distortion of the very objective of the Convention. As to the disproportion between existing chemical weapons capabilities, the solution would be, in their view, the strict implementation of the Convention's provisions concerning the declarations, verification, continuous monitoring of stocks, their subsequent destruction and the cessation of the production of chemical weapons from the beginning.